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DAVOS DIARY

India pitches $300–$350 bn clean energy investment at Davos

As WEF 2026 closed, India projected itself as a future-ready destination for climate-aligned investment; also highlighted role of states in driving energy transition.

DAVOS

Presenting as one of the world's largest and most investment-ready markets for clean energy at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2026, India sought investments of $300–$350 billion in the sector by 2030.

"India today combines great demand, competitive tariffs and a stable policy framework. This creates a compelling case for patient global capital looking for long-term growth," Joshi said during multiple sessions and bilateral meetings at WEF.

India's pitch comes as global clean energy investment faces headwinds from higher interest rates, geopolitical fragmentation and slowing deployment in parts of Europe and the United States. Against this backdrop, Indian officials sought to project the country as a stable anchor for climate finance, manufacturing and energy security.

India has already added 267 gigawatt (GW) of non-fossil fuel capacity as of December 2025 and remains on track to meet its 2030 clean energy targets, including a rapid scale-up of solar, wind, battery storage and green hydrogen, the minister said. Non-fossil sources now account for nearly half of India's installed power capacity.

'Sustainability at the core of economic growth'

Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi, who attended the forum in Davos, said India's energy transition offers speed, scale, stability and long-term returns at a time when global investors are seeking predictable growth opportunities, according to an official statement.

The minister, while speaking at several sessions and investor meetings, said India has already built 267 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity as of December 2025 and is on track to meet its 2030 clean energy targets.

The minister underlined that clean energy is no longer peripheral to India's climate commitments but central to its economic strategy. "Renewables, storage and green hydrogen are becoming cost-competitive and integral to India's growth, industrialisation and energy security," he said.

A key focus of India's Davos engagement was attracting capital into renewable energy plus storage, grid modernisation and green hydrogen-linked infrastructure, sectors that will require large upfront investment but offer long asset lives and steady returns.

'War has to end': Trump after meeting Zelenskyy

DAVOS: US President Donald Trump on Thursday said he had a good meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and his message to Russian President Vladimir Putin is that "war has to end". Replying to media queries before leaving Davos, Trump said a US delegation will be meeting Putin today or tomorrow. "I met President Zelenskyy here; the meeting was good. We (US delegation) are meeting President Putin today or tomorrow," he said. Asked what would be his message to Putin, Trump said, "The war has to end. A lot of people have been killed".

US touts 'New Gaza' filled with luxury real estate

DAVOS

US officials on Thursday presented their vision for a "New Gaza" that would turn the shattered Palestinian territory into a glitzy resort of skyscrapers by the sea, a project that could start emerging in three years. "We're going to be very successful in Gaza. It's going to be a great thing to watch," President Donald Trump said while presenting his controversial "Board of Peace" conflict-resolution body in Davos. "I'm a real estate person at heart... and I said, look at this location on the sea. Look at this beautiful piece of property. What it could be for so many people," he said at the World Economic Forum. His son-in-law Jared Kushner, who has no official title but is one of Trump's envoys for the Gaza ceasefire, said his "master plan" aimed for "catastrophic success." With a slide showing dozens of shiny terraced apartment towers overlooking a tree-lined promenade, he promised a Mediterranean utopia rising from the scarred Gaza landscape.

10 soldiers killed as Army vehicle falls into gorge in J&K's Doda

SRINAGAR

Ten soldiers were killed and 11 others injured when a bullet-proof army vehicle skidded off a mountain road and plunged into a 200-foot-deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Thursday.

According to officials, the accident took place at the 9000-feet-high Khanni top on the Bhaderwah-Chamba interstate road around noon. Police said the vehicle, carrying 20 personnel, was on a routine patrol from an army camp in Bhaderwah toward a high-altitude post. It was barely a kilometre short of its destination when the driver lost control on a sharp bend.

A joint rescue operation by the army and police was launched immediately. While 10 soldiers died on the spot, the 10 injured were evacuated to Command Hospital in J&K's Udhampur.

"We have lost 10 soldiers with 11 others injured in the unfortunate accident involving army vehicle," said Bhaderwah Additional Deputy Commissioner Sumit Kumar Bhutyal.

An inquiry has been ordered to ascertain whether the accident was caused by mechanical failure or the challenging road conditions at

Khanni Top.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his grief over the tragedy, extending his heartfelt condolences to the families of the soldiers and wishing for the speedy recovery of those injured.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha conveyed his sympathies on X, stating, "Deeply saddened by the loss of lives of our brave army personnel in an unfortunate road accident in Doda. My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief. I have directed the district administration to ensure every possible medical assistance."

CM Omar Abdullah also condoled the deaths.

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister, GoI

HOUSING DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Guarantee Government
A progressive Government
Now provides home to the homeless

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Several measures have been taken to provide a proper shelter for the people dwelling in slums in the State. The State government is formulating and implementing many ambitious programmes for slum dwellers. KSDB evolving various befitting schemes to provide House for all homeless thereby fulfilling the dream of owning a house. This is yet another testimony for the fulfillment of the present Government's guarantees.

Sri B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan,
Hon'ble Housing Minister
and Sri Prasad Abbayya, Chairman,
Karnataka Slum Development Board
inspecting the constructed houses
at Hubballi.

Dedication of 42345 Houses (2nd Stage)
out of 1,80,253 houses being constructed across the State
under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 'Shelter for All'
through Grant-in-Aid of Hon'ble Chief Minister
&
Distribution of House Allotment Letters / Title Deeds
on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Board

Date: 24-01-2026, Saturday
Time: 11:00 AM
Venue: Mantur Road, Hubballi

Inauguration of Programme & Dedication of Houses by Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka

In the August presence of
Sri Pralhad Joshi
Hon'ble Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy, Government of India
Dr. Mallikarjun Kharge
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha
Sri Rahul Gandhi
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha

Distribution of House Allotment Letters / Title Deeds by
Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation and Bengaluru Urban Development, Government of Karnataka

In the presence of
Sri Basavaraj Horatti
Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Legislative Council

Presided by
Sri B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan
Hon'ble Minister for Housing, Wakf and Minorities Welfare & Vijayanagara & Ballari District in-charge Minister, Government of Karnataka

Chief Guests
Sri Santhosh S. Lad
Hon'ble Minister for Labour and Dharwad District in-charge Minister, Government of Karnataka
Sri R. Ashoka
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Karnataka Legislative Assembly
Sri Chalavadi T. Narayanaswamy
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Karnataka Legislative Council
Sri Saleem Ahmed
Hon'ble Chief Whip, Karnataka Legislative Council

Introductory Speech and Distribution of Mementos on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of the Board
Sri Prasad Abbayya
Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Slum Development Board & MLA, Hubballi-Dharwad East Assembly Constituency

Courteous presence of
Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS
Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka

and all the Ministers of the State, Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha, Hon'ble MLAs / MLCs, Chairman & Vice-Chairman and Members of Board/Corporations and elected representatives of local bodies will present in the programme.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mohan Raj. K.P, IAS
Secretary to Government, Housing Department
Parashurama Shinnalkar, KAS (Supertime Scale)
Managing Director, Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Ltd.
Raghavendra. T., KAS (Supertime Scale)
Commissioner, Karnataka Slum Development Board

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QUICK READ

Elderly Man Killed After Being Hit by Train

Shivamogga

An elderly resident of Shivamogga lost his life after being run over by a train at a level crossing in the city.The deceased has been identified as Ishwarappa (68), a resident of Kallahalli in Vinobanagar. The incident occurred when the Talaguppa Passenger train struck him near the Kashipur railway gate. Railway police promptly reached the spot, recovered the body, and shifted it for post-mortem examination. Officers have registered a case and are conducting a detailed investigation to ascertain whether the death resulted from an accident or was a deliberate act of suicide. Initial inquiries are focusing on witness statements, any possible CCTV footage from the vicinity, and the victim's recent movements or state of mind. No further details on motive or circumstances have been released at this stage.

Student Wins Four Gold Medals in MSc Environmental Science

Chikkamagaluru

G.M. Swathi, a resident of Karakucchi B Colony in Tarikere taluk, has brought laurels to the district by winning four gold medals and a cash prize for outstanding academic performance in MSc Environmental Science. Swathi received the honors at the 106th annual convocation of the University of Mysore, held on January 5. She is the daughter of G.T. Mahantesh and K.S. Savitha, an anganwadi worker from Karakucchi B Colony. She was awarded the H.R. Basavaraju Gemini Distilleries Endowment Gold Medal, Jindal Jubilee Endowment Gold Medal, Late B. Basavalingappa Memorial Trust Gold Medal, and the Smt. Meenakshamma Chandrashekar Gold Medal, along with a cash award instituted for academic excellence. The information was shared by officials of the Tarikere Taluk Child Development Project.

Food Business Operators Advised to Complete Registration

Chikkamagaluru

Food business operators functioning within the district have been advised to obtain or renew mandatory licenses and registrations without delay, officials said. As per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, all food business operators involved in production, processing, storage, distribution and sale of food items must possess valid registration or license. Failure to comply within the stipulated period will invite legal action and penalties, officials warned. For registration, renewal or assistance, traders may contact the Food Safety Officer's office (Ph: 08262-230527) or the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer, according to a press release issued by the Food Safety and Drug Administration authorities.

Burglars Loot Gold and Cash Worth Rs 5.15 Lakh from Home

KUNDAPURA

A 60-year-old woman discovered her residence ransacked upon returning from labour work, prompting police to register a case under new criminal law sections as investigations continue.

Thieves targeted a residence in Ayimullu, Machattu village, Amasebail area of Kundapura taluk on Wednesday, making off with gold jewellery and cash totalling Rs 5.15 lakh.

Gulabi Bovi (60), who lives with her husband Nagu Bovi, filed a complaint detailing the incident. The couple works as garden labourers at the home of Govinda Kodgi. On January 21, Gulabi left for work early in the morning as usual, while her husband remained at their employer's place during lunch.

She returned home briefly for lunch and departed again around 3 pm to resume duties. Before leaving, she locked the front door from the outside and secured the rear wooden door by bolting it from the inside.

Upon finishing work in the evening and returning home, Gulabi noticed the front door had been bolted from the inside—an unusual sign that immediately raised alarm.When she inspected the rear entrance, she found the wooden planks of the back door forcibly pried open and broken. She entered through that opening and discovered the bedroom had been ransacked. The cupboard had been broken into using a sharp tool, with clothes strewn across the floor.

The intruders took approximately 80 grams of gold ornaments, consisting of a mangalsutra, chain, bangles, rings, earrings, and studs, in addition to Rs. 90,000 in cash kept at home.

Police estimate the burglary took place sometime between 3 pm and 6 pm while the house stood unoccupied.A case has been registered at Amasebail police station under sections 333(1) and 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Officers are actively pursuing leads as part of the ongoing investigation.

DGP Alok Kumar Conducts Inspection of Shivamogga District Jail

SHIVAMOGGA

Director General of Police (Prisons and Correctional Services), Karnataka, Alok Kumar IPS, carried out a comprehensive inspection visit to the Shivamogga District Central Jail, focusing on infrastructure, security arrangements, and overall functioning of the facility.

Alok Kumar arrived in Shivamogga by flight, where he was warmly received at the airport by Superintendent of Police Nikhil B, Central Jail Superintendent Dr.Ranganath P, and other senior officers from the district police and prison departments.

During the visit to the jail, the DGP inspected the prisoners' barracks, along with the high-security prison facility that is currently under construction. He personally assessed the progress of the new high-security block and reviewed inmate accommodation and living conditions in the existing barracks.

Alok Kumar also visited the Shivamogga District Police Office. A ceremonial guard of honour was presented to the senior officer by the police personnel. Following this, he held a detailed coordination meeting with key stakeholders, including officials from legal services, jail superintendents, and senior police leadership.

The meeting focused on issuing necessary operational guidelines and discussing measures to strengthen prison administration, inmate management, and security protocols across the region.

The visit forms part of the routine oversight and reform initiatives undertaken by the Prisons and Correctional Services department to ensure better standards in Karnataka's correctional facilities. Official sources highlighted that such inspections help address infrastructural needs, enhance security, and promote effective correctional practices.

MP B.Y. Raghavendra Escapes Unhurt After Rear-End Collision

SHIVAMOGGA

A road accident involving the official vehicle of Shivamogga MP B.Y. Raghavendra occurred near Kunchenahalli village in Shivamogga taluk. The MP was returning from Shikaripura to Shivamogga when an SUV travelling behind him suddenly lost control and collided with the rear of his vehicle.

The impact caused noticeable damage to both cars, particularly to the back portion of the MP's car. MP Raghavendra, along with the office staff accompanying him, escaped without any injuries.

Following the mishap, the MP and his team proceeded safely to the airport in the escort vehicle that was part of the convoy.

Local traffic police reached the spot, documented the incident, and initiated preliminary inquiries into the cause—likely driver inattention or overspeeding by the SUV driver. No formal complaint has been mentioned yet, and traffic movement was not significantly affected for long.

Bar Owner Dies After Brutal Assault

CHIKKAMAGALURU

A dispute inside a bar in Chikkamagaluru city escalated into a fatal assault, claiming the life of a 44-year-old bar owner on Wednesday, January 21.

The incident occurred at a bar on Market Road. The victim, identified as Teju (44), was allegedly attacked by Bihari labourers working at the bar.

According to preliminary information, Teju was beaten inside the premises. After the assault, he was dragged approximately 1 km and abandoned on a nearby ground. Reports also claim that firecrackers were thrown at him while he lay there.

The next morning, an auto-rickshaw driver spotted Teju still breathing on the ground and immediately shifted him to a hospital. Despite medical attention, he succumbed to the severe injuries sustained during the attack.

Police have registered a case of murder at the relevant station and are investigating the exact sequence of events, motive behind the quarrel, and the role of the accused labourers. Statements from bar staff, eyewitnesses, and family members are being recorded as part of the probe. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination.

Congress Gram Panchayat Member Accused of Public Abuse and Assault

SHIVAMOGGA

A Congress party gram panchayat member in Shivamogga district has come under fire after a video showing him allegedly abusing and attempting to assault a villager went viral.

The incident occurred in Vasave village, falling under Melinabesige Gram Panchayat in Hosanagar taluk. The accused member, Dharmappa, reportedly got into a verbal clash with a local resident named Ramesh concerning road construction work in the area.

According to villagers, Dharmappa used highly abusive and derogatory language against Ramesh in public. In a fit of rage, he is also accused of attempting to strike the man with his footwear. The entire episode was captured on video, which has since circulated widely on social media, drawing sharp criticism.

Residents expressed deep anger over the behaviour, stating that the elected representative acted without any fear of law or accountability. Many pointed out that this is not an isolated case, citing similar recent incidents involving Congress workers in Chikkaballapura's Shidlaghatta and Mysuru, where public figures were seen misusing their position.

Villagers have demanded immediate action against the member, insisting that such high-handedness by party workers cannot be tolerated. They urged higher authorities in the Congress party and local administration to initiate disciplinary proceedings and ensure accountability.

The matter has triggered widespread discussion in the region, with several locals questioning how individuals in public office can behave in this manner toward ordinary citizens. Police are yet to confirm whether a formal complaint has been lodged, but the viral nature of the video has intensified public pressure for swift intervention.

HC Defers Kumbla Toll Probe; Lawyers Seek Advocate Commission

KASARAGOD

The Kerala High Court has deferred further hearing in the ongoing dispute over toll collection at the Arikkady plaza on National Highway 66 near Kumbla to January 28, after listening to arguments from both sides.

Counsel representing the Toll Opposition Action Committee filed an interim application seeking the constitution of an advocate commission to investigate and report on the status of infrastructure at the toll point. The proposed commission would specifically examine incomplete construction works, completed portions, service roads, and other basic facilities provided for road users.

NHAI's legal team strongly opposed the plea, terming it a tactic to delay proceedings and arguing that it should not be entertained. The authority submitted before the court an order dated January 11 permitting toll collection at Arikkady. The bench was informed that the action committee has been given liberty to challenge this order separately.

During the arguments, Justice Bachu Kurian Thomas questioned the NHAI counsel on how toll operations were allowed to commence when service roads were not fully completed and necessary infrastructure for vehicle users had not been provided. The court sought clarification on compliance with mandatory norms before toll collection could begin.

All Four Missing Family Members Recovered from Bhadra Canal

SHIVAMOGGA

Bodies of Shwetha and Parashuram retrieved on January 22, completing the grim tally after Neelabai and Ravi Kumar were found earlier, following a clothes-washing outing gone wrong.

Rescue and recovery teams successfully located the last two bodies from the Bhadra canal near Kudligere in Shivamogga district on January 22, confirming the deaths of all four family members reported missing since January 18.

The victims include Shwetha (28) and her husband Parashuram (33), whose remains were pulled from the water on January 22 by personnel from the State Disaster Response Force, Fire and Emergency Services, and skilled local swimmers.

Earlier recoveries included Shwetha's mother Neelabai (50) on January 21 and her brother Ravi Kumar (22) on January 19.

The group had departed from their home in Arebilachi village on two motorcycles on January 18 to wash clothes at the canal. Residents promptly notified Holehonnur police, prompting an immediate search that began that same evening.

The multi-agency effort continued over four days before concluding successfully on January 22 with the final recoveries. The incident has left the surrounding community in mourning over the sudden and complete loss of the family.

Grandmother Kills Newborn Grandson Minutes After Birth

CHIKKAMAGALURU

A deeply disturbing incident of infanticide has come to light from Bavikere village in Tarikere taluk of Chikkamagaluru district, shocking the local community and highlighting extreme measures taken to allegedly protect family reputation.

The victim was a newborn baby boy born to an unwed young woman employed as a staff nurse. The pregnancy had occurred before marriage and was kept strictly secret within the family to prevent social disgrace.

About 15 days ago, the young woman began experiencing labour pains at home. Fearing that taking her to a hospital would expose the out-of-wedlock pregnancy, the family—her parents and grandmother—decided to conduct the delivery at home. The nurse herself assisted in the process with help from her relatives.

As soon as the male infant was born, the family reportedly took a horrific decision. Within just one minute of birth—before the baby had even fully opened his eyes—the grandmother allegedly strangled him by twisting his neck, killing him instantly.

The infant's body was then placed inside a bag. The family carried it away from the house and buried it in a deserted garbage dump pit far from any habitation to conceal the crime.The matter came to the attention of authorities after local inquiries or possible discovery of the remains. Police have registered a case of murder under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (if applicable), along with provisions related to infanticide and concealment of birth.

Investigations are ongoing to determine the exact sequence of events, roles of each family member involved, and whether any prior attempts were made to terminate the pregnancy. The young mother and other relatives are under questioning, and the body has been recovered for post-mortem examination.

This case has sparked widespread outrage and renewed calls for greater awareness on reproductive health, safe delivery options, and support systems for unmarried pregnant women to prevent such tragedies.

Woman Arrested for Blackmailing Swamiji, Demanding ₹1 Crore

CHIKKAMAGALURU

Bengaluru's Central Crime Branch (CCB) police have arrested a young woman from Chikkamagaluru for allegedly blackmailing and extorting money from a well-known spiritual leader in the state.

The accused, identified as Spoorthi, is accused of initially contacting the Swamiji around five months ago, introducing herself as a student pursuing studies in Tiptur. Through repeated calls and chatting, she built familiarity before starting to demand money.

When the Swamiji resisted, she reportedly threatened to defame him and ruin his reputation. During one of his visits to Bengaluru, she managed to obtain ₹4.5 lakh from him. Undeterred, she continued pressuring him for an additional ₹1 crore, using intimidation tactics.

Distressed by the persistent harassment and fear of further damage to his standing, the Swamiji approached the CCB police. A case was registered, and following investigation, officers tracked down and arrested Spoorthi. She has been remanded to judicial custody.

This is not the first such attempt on the same Swamiji. About two years earlier, a honey-trap operation targeting him was foiled when CCB arrested three individuals who had demanded ₹6 crore. In the present case, the Swamiji has also obtained a court injunction restraining the accused and any associates from circulating any photos or videos related to him.

The investigation is ongoing to determine whether Spoorthi acted alone or had accomplices, and to trace the flow of the extorted money. Police have appealed to the public to remain vigilant against similar online or telephonic blackmail attempts disguised as personal relationships.

QUICK READ

DK In-charge Minister to Visit District on Jan 25–26: Administration

Mangaluru

Health and Family Welfare Minister and Dakshina Kannada district in-charge minister Dinesh Gundu Rao will be on a two-day visit to the district on January 25 and 26, the district administration said. According to the official schedule, the minister will arrive at Mangaluru airport on January 25 morning and participate in multiple government programmes, including inaugurations of public infrastructure, foundation stone-laying ceremonies, distribution of title deeds, school events and religious visits across Belthangady taluk. He will also inaugurate the Mahakalipadpu railway underpass and attend a dog show organised by the district administration and allied departments. On January 26, the minister will hoist the national flag and deliver a message at the district-level Republic Day celebrations at Nehru Maidan before returning to Bengaluru later in the day, officials said.

Special Gram Sabha at Manjanady on January 26

Mangaluru

A special gram sabha will be held at the Manjanady Gram Panchayat on January 26 to discuss issues related to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and the newly introduced "Viksit Bharat Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Rural)", the Panchayat Development Officer said. The meeting will begin at 10.30 am at the gram panchayat office, according to an official release.

Coastal Festival Cultural Programme at Someshwar Beach Today

Mangaluru

As part of the ongoing Karavali Utsava, cultural programmes by school and college students will be held at Someshwar Beach on Friday evening, the district administration said. Students from selected high schools, pre-university and degree colleges will present cultural performances. The programme is scheduled to begin at 5.30 pm, with arrangements made at the venue.

Ensure Safe Drinking Water Supply in All Villages: ZP CEO

Mangaluru

Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Narwade Vinayak Karbari has directed officials to ensure the supply of safe drinking water to all villages in the district. Chairing a meeting of the District Water and Sanitation Mission on Thursday, the CEO instructed officials to conduct regular quality testing of all drinking water sources supplying rural areas. He said prompt corrective action must be taken in cases of contamination. He warned that Panchayat Development Officers would be held accountable in cases of negligence or failure to address complaints related to unsafe water supply. The CEO also directed officials to expedite pending works under the Jal Jeevan Mission, hold monthly village water and sanitation committee meetings, clean all water tanks, and mandatorily test water samples from all sources. Officials from various departments were present at the meeting.

Cong Holds Fasting Protest in M'luru Against Changes to MGNREGA

MANGALURU

The Dakshina Kannada District Congress Committee on Tuesday staged a day-long "Upavasa Satyagraha" (fasting protest) in Mangaluru, opposing the amendments made by the BJP-led Central government to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and demanding the restoration of its original provisions.

The protest was held at Rajaji Park near the Kudmul Rangarao Town Hall, in front of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, symbolically invoking the principles of non-violent resistance championed by the Father of the Nation. The agitation commenced at 10.30 am and continued until 4 pm.

Congress leaders and party workers began the protest by offering floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi's statue, following which they observed a fast till the evening as a mark of protest. Raising slogans against the Centre, the demonstrators alleged that recent changes to the rural employment scheme had weakened its core objective of providing guaranteed employment and livelihood security to rural households.

Addressing the gathering, senior Congress leaders accused the Union government of systematically diluting welfare schemes meant for the poor and marginalised. They contended that restrictions introduced in job allocation, delays in wage payments, and increased bureaucratic hurdles were adversely affecting rural workers and eroding public faith in the flagship employment programme.

Former minister Ramanath Rai, along with Congress leaders Ivan D'Souza, Harish Kumar, Padmaraj, Shashidhar Hegde and Jer Lobo, were among those who participated in the protest. The leaders reiterated the party's commitment to safeguarding labour rights and ensuring social justice.

They warned that if the Centre failed to roll back the amendments and restore the original spirit of MGNREGA, the Congress would intensify its agitation across the district and the state. The protest concluded peacefully in the evening.

Congress Displaying Anti-Hindu Mindset, Says MP Brijesh Chowta Over Udupi Paryaya Row

MANGALURU

Dakshina Kannada Member of Parliament Capt. Brijesh Chowta on Tuesday strongly criticised the Congress for opposing the hoisting of the Bhagwa Dhwaj during the Udupi Paryaya Mahotsava, alleging that the incident exposed what he termed the party's "anti-Hindu mindset and appeasement politics".

In a statement issued here, Chowta said the Congress's reaction to the district commissioner traditionally hoisting the Bhagwa flag reflected how far the party had gone in targeting Hindu customs to appease "communal and fundamentalist elements" since coming to power in the state.

He alleged that despite slogans in favour of Pakistan being raised within the Vidhana Soudha and incidents of Pakistani flags being displayed in several places, the Congress had failed to take action. "Where were these Congress leaders then?" he asked, adding that the party's opposition to a centuries-old tradition at the Udupi Paryaya festival had revealed its hostility towards symbols sacred to Hindus.

Describing the Bhagwa Dhwaj as a symbol of valour, knowledge and sacrifice, Chowta said it also represented service, culture and devotion. Hoisting the Bhagwa flag at temples and religious events was the right of the Hindu community, he asserted.

The MP also launched a sharp attack on former minister Ramanath Rai, questioning his moral authority to comment on temple traditions. Referring to past controversies, Chowta alleged that Rai had aligned with communal organisations and had no standing to speak on religious practices. He said that even after the Udupi district commissioner clarified that no wrongdoing had occurred, Congress leaders were attempting to give the issue a communal colour and divide society.

Chowta warned that the public would teach the Congress a fitting lesson for what he described as "low-level appeasement politics". He further accused the party of targeting honest officials who respect local traditions and perform their duties impartially. "Such vindictive politics does not befit a responsible political party," he said.

'Love–Sex–Betrayal' case in Puttur nears settlement; marriage to take place by Jan 31: Kulai

MANGALURU

The much-discussed "love–sex–betrayal" case that came to light in Puttur has reached a crucial stage of possible settlement, with indications that the family of the accused, Krishna G. Rao, has agreed to the proposal of marriage, according to Backward Classes Commission member Pratibha Kulai.

Addressing a press conference at the Press Club here on Monday, Kulai warned that if the marriage does not take place by January 31, a naming ceremony for the child will be conducted on February 7, after which there will be no scope for any further compromise.

She said a naming ceremony had earlier been scheduled for January 24 at Kalladka. However, Madhu Acharya, an office-bearer of the Acharya community's Udupi unit, had reportedly contacted Namita's family stating that Krishna J. Rao's family had agreed to the marriage and sought more time, requesting that the naming ceremony be postponed. Respecting the request, the date was changed. "We were misled for six months earlier. This time, we will not allow that to happen again," Kulai said.

She alleged that conditions were being imposed that only Namita and her daughter should come for talks, which the family has refused due to safety concerns. Kulai insisted that any settlement talks must take place either at the Puttur police station or before the Mangaluru Superintendent of Police.

Kulai further claimed that the Puttur MLA has stated that Krishna J. Rao's family is not willing to proceed with the marriage, raising suspicion that the current developments are merely an attempt to escape legal proceedings, as the case is already before the court. She also alleged that earlier demands included withdrawing the case, giving the child to an ashram, and seeking divorce after marriage.

Stressing that the marriage must be legally registered, either online or through any lawful process, Kulai said if the couple cannot live together, they may seek divorce as per law. She reiterated that failure to conduct the marriage by January 31 would result in a grand naming ceremony on February 7 and continuation of the legal battle.

Puttur Man Attempts Suicide by Consuming Poison Inside Court, Taken to Hospital

PUTTUR

A serious incident unfolded at the Puttur court premises when a man allegedly attempted to take his own life by consuming poison on Tuesday. The accused was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for urgent treatment.

According to the initial information, the man had come to the court in connection with a pending legal matter when he suddenly swallowed a poisonous substance inside the court complex. Court staff and onlookers reacted swiftly after noticing him in distress and raised an alarm. He was promptly taken to hospital by police and local helpers for medical care.

The identity of the individual and the exact reason for his drastic action are yet to be confirmed by authorities. Police have registered the matter and begun an investigation into the circumstances that led to the suicide attempt. Statements are being recorded from those present at the time, and officials are examining whether any pre-existing disputes, mental health issues, or legal pressures contributed to the act.

Legal experts note that suicide attempts linked with stress from ongoing court cases are rare but underscore the need for adequate support mechanisms for individuals under legal and personal pressures.

Local leaders have appealed for calm and urged the community not to speculate until police reports and medical details are fully available. The condition of the man was described as critical at the time of hospitalisation, and further updates are expected as doctors continue treatment and police inquiries progress.

Third Annual Anniversary of Summa Guttu Bandasale Jain Tirtha on Jan 26

BAJAGOLI

The third annual anniversary celebrations of the Dharma Shala Tirtha Kshetra, Summa Guttu Bandasale, located at Pejatta Guri Rahe, 169 Cross, Bajagoli, will be held on January 26, 2026, with a series of religious rituals and ceremonies, the organisers announced.

The celebrations will be held under the guidance and spiritual leadership of Jagadguru Swastishri Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Panditacharya Mahaswamiji. The day-long programme will commence at 9 am and continue until 6.30 pm, with the participation of devotees, donors and members of the Jain community.

As part of the religious observances, the Bhagwan Muni Suvrat Swami Basadi Torana Muhurta and Vimana Shuddhi rituals will be performed, followed by the Maha Abhisheka of the presiding deity. The programme will also include Nayanonmilana (ritual opening of the eyes of the idol) and the inauguration of the Mukha Vastra in the afternoon.

Special prayers and Shodashopachara poojas will be offered to Shri Jinadarshana Naga, Kshetrapala, Yakshi Bhairavi, Padmavati and Kushmandini Devi, with the active involvement of various service donors and volunteers.

In the evening, from 6 pm onwards, a grand Mahamastakabhisheka will be performed to Bhagwan Bahubali Swami using various sacred substances, marking the spiritual highlight of the celebrations.

The organisers have appealed to devotees from across the region to participate in the anniversary celebrations, receive the sacred Gandha Prasada, and seek divine blessings. They stated that the event aims to strengthen spiritual values, promote religious harmony and encourage greater community participation in temple activities.

Congress's Anti-Hindu Mindset Exposed, Says MLA Vedavyas Kamath

MANGALURU

BJP MLA Vedavyas Kamath has strongly criticised the Congress, alleging that the party's "anti-Hindu mindset" has once again been exposed through recent controversies involving senior Hindu leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat and the dispute over the saffron flag during the Udupi Paryaya festival.

In a statement issued here, Kamath said the registration of what he described as "fabricated and politically motivated" cases against Prabhakar Bhat on charges of communal provocation was an attempt to suppress voices that seek to raise awareness on social and historical issues. He asserted that Bhat had spoken at a public programme with the intention of educating people on serious issues affecting society and history, but the Congress had deliberately portrayed the speech as promoting hatred between communities.

"This is nothing but an attempt to stifle freedom of speech and impose an undeclared emergency," Kamath alleged, adding that efforts to arrest Prabhakar Bhat to appease a vote bank would not succeed under any circumstances.

Referring to the controversy surrounding the hoisting of the saffron flag at the Udupi Paryaya Mahotsava, the MLA accused Congress leaders of deliberately creating an unnecessary dispute and insulting the region's age-old traditions and cultural heritage. "This reflects the political decline of the Congress," he said.

Kamath questioned what symbol other than the Bhagwa Dhwaj could be expected at a Hindu religious event, and remarked that the Hindu community did not need lessons in nationalism from a party that, he alleged, had failed to act against those who raised pro-Pakistan slogans inside the Vidhana Soudha.

Describing the coastal belt as a stronghold of Hindutva, Kamath said the sacred Bhagwa Dhwaj had flown in the past, continues to fly today, and would remain a prominent symbol in the future as well. "No one has the power to stop it," he asserted.

The MLA concluded by stating that repeated attempts to target Hindu religious symbols and leaders would only strengthen public resolve against what he termed appeasement politics.

Case Registered Against Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat Over Alleged Hate Speech at Puttur College Event

PUTTUR

The Puttur Town Police have registered a case against Dr. Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat following a complaint alleging that he delivered a speech inciting communal hatred and violence during a programme held at a private college in Puttur.

According to the complaint filed by Ramachandra K., a resident of Puttur, the incident occurred on January 12, 2026, during an event organised within the premises of a private college. The complainant alleged that Dr. Prabhakar Bhat, while addressing students and parents present at the programme, made remarks that were detrimental to social harmony and had the potential to provoke communal hatred and violence.

The complaint further stated that the speech was later broadcast on a YouTube channel named "Vikasana TV", thereby making the content accessible to a wider audience. Based on the complaint, police have also included the said YouTube channel and the organisers of the programme as accused in the case.

Acting on the complaint, the Puttur Town Police have registered Crime No. 10/2026 under Sections 196, 299, 302, 353(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Police officials said the sections invoked pertain to offences related to promoting enmity between groups, acts prejudicial to maintaining harmony, and alleged incitement to violence.

A senior police officer said that an investigation has been initiated and that further legal action would be taken based on the outcome of the probe. Statements from witnesses present at the event are expected to be recorded, and the content of the speech uploaded on social media platforms will be examined as part of the investigation.

Kukke Subrahmanya Temple Records ₹14.77 Cr Revenue in Nov–Dec, Sets New Benchmark

SUBRAHMANYA (DAKSHINA KANNADA)

The renowned Kukke Sri Subrahmanya Temple, one of South India's most prominent centres of serpent worship, has set a new revenue record by collecting a total income of ₹14.77 crore during November and December 2025, reflecting a significant surge in devotee turnout.

According to temple authorities, the steady increase in the number of pilgrims visiting the shrine from across the country has contributed to the record earnings. The inflow of devotees was particularly high during Nagara Panchami, the Karthika month, the December holiday season and on special pooja days, leading to a substantial rise in income from various services.

In November alone, the temple earned ₹4.56 crore from different pooja services. During the same month, ₹1.09 crore was collected through the hundi, while the Annadana fund contributed ₹83.57 lakh to the overall revenue.

The trend continued in December with an even higher footfall. The temple generated ₹5.30 crore from pooja services, while hundi collections stood at ₹1.90 crore. Contributions to the Annadana fund during December amounted to ₹1.07 crore, reflecting the strong participation of devotees in charitable offerings.

In addition to these sources, the temple earned a notable income from accommodation facilities, guest houses and other allied services, said Aravind Ayyappa Suthagondi, Executive Officer of Kukke Sri Subrahmanya Temple.

Temple officials stated that the revenue collected with the cooperation of devotees is being utilised for various development works, including expansion of infrastructure, strengthening of Annadana services and improving facilities for pilgrims. The temple management has also announced plans to introduce more organised and efficient services in the coming days to enhance the overall experience of devotees.

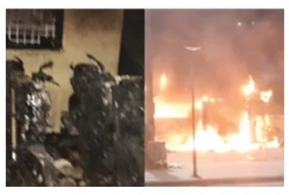
The record-breaking revenue underscores Kukke Subrahmanya's growing prominence as a major pilgrimage destination and highlights the continued faith of devotees in the centuries-old temple tradition.

QUICK READ

Ambigara Chowdaiah Jayanti celebrated

BENGALURU

The Nijasharan Ambigara Chowdaiah Jayanti, organized by the Kannada and Culture Department in the divine presence of Shanta Bheeshma Choudaiah Swamiji at the Nayana Auditorium, was inaugurated by the Minister of Kannada and Culture and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Shivaraj.SThangadgi. On this occasion, former Minister and Ambigara Chowdaiah Development Corporation President Baburao Chinchansur, Silk Market Board President Gangadhar, Book Authority President Dr K Manasa, Prof Dr Swamy, Department Secretary J Manjunath, Director KM Gayathri and other officials were present.



Showroom catches fire, 13 e-bikes burnt

BENGALURU

A short circuit caused a fire in a showroom, destroying 13 electric bikes, near TC Palya Signal in KR Pura.

The accident occurred at around 9:30 pm on Wednesday. The showroom staff ran out as the fire broke out, and fortunately, no one was injured. The fire engulfed 13 electric bikes in the showroom and gutted them.

It is suspected that the fire was started due to a short circuit, and the fire brigade personnel who immediately rushed to the spot have completely extinguished the fire. The local police have visited the spot and conducted an investigation.

In congestion, B'luru bags 2nd rank globally!

According to the report, Bengaluru recorded an average congestion level of 74.4% in 2025, an increase of 1.7 percentage points compared to 2024

BENGALURU

Bengaluru has emerged as the second most congested city, after Mexico City, in the world in 2025.

Data from the latest TomTom Traffic Index (the annual analysis of global traffic trends and commuting behaviour), which strikes a chord with traffic-weary Bengalureans, comes at a time when the state govt is promoting the city on global platforms as the 'city of the future'. Bengaluru was the sixth most congested city in 2023 and the third in 2024.The report says that the average speed during rush hour in Bengaluru in 2025 was 13.9kmph, which is one kmph slower than that in 2024.

It was 36 minutes and nine seconds .which is two minutes and four seconds more than in 2024. The congestion level (average additional time lost to traffic by motorists) was 74.4%, some 1.7% more than in 2024. With regard to the time lost during rush hour per year, referring to the average time spent doing a 10km trip twice a day during peak hours on working days, the report pegged it at a whopping 168 hours. Trailing Bengaluru on the congestion front was Dublin in Ireland.

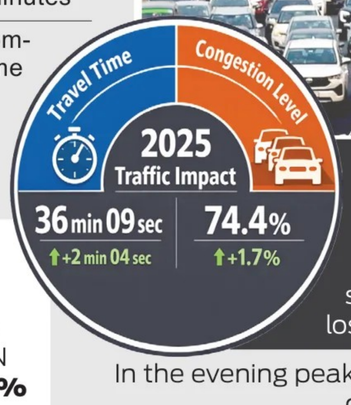
According to the report, the worst day on Bengaluru roads in 2025 was on May 17, a Saturday, when average congestion level touched a whopping 101 percent when motorists took 15 minutes to cover just 2.5km during evening peak hour. Rain, tree fall and broken infrastructure are reasons behind traffic congestion that day. Senior police officers attribute Bengaluru's dismal performance to rapidly rising vehicular population, non-expansion of existing roads, stagnant road network and stalled or delayed infrastructure projects.

CITY IS CRAWLING

- Average rush-hour speed (2025): 13.9 kmph
- This is 1 kmph slower than 2024
- 10 km in Bengaluru now takes over 36 minutes
- Even a basic commute has become a time drain.

Worst Day of 2025: May 17

DATE
May 17 (Saturday)
CONGESTION LEVEL HIT: **101%**



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HOW MUCH TIME ARE BENGALUREANS LOSING EVERY YEAR?

- Time lost annually during rush hour: **168 hours per year**
- This refers to the average time spent doing a 10 km trip twice a day during peak hours on working days.

FEMA case: Trial against CCD postponed

BENGALURU

The High Court has adjourned the hearing scheduled for January 30 against Coffee Day Enterprises Limited on a complaint filed in 2022 with the Enforcement Directorate under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) for allegedly investing funds received from abroad in the Indian stock market.

Sadanand Poojary, a representative of Coffee Day Enterprises Limited, had filed a petition seeking cancellation of the show cause notice issued by the Enforcement Directorate and the notice to appear for the hearing of the case. A single-member bench of Justice BM Shyam Prasad, which heard the petition, issued a notice to the Enforcement Directorate and adjourned the hearing.

During the hearing, the counsel for the petitioner said that the Enforcement Directorate had registered a complaint in 2022 regarding the allegations made in 2009. It had issued a notice to appear for the hearing, but the process was delayed and there was no opportunity to conduct the hearing. According to Section 13 of the FEMA Act, the case should have been heard by issuing a technical circular of 2014.

The bench was told that the adjudicating authority should formulate an opinion on the reasons for which the investigation process is intended to continue against those who have received the notice and such opinion should be provided to the concerned and collected in writing.

However, in the present case, the petitioner has not been given proper reasons as to why the inquiry process should be conducted. It is not permissible to conduct an inquiry without giving reasons. Therefore, he requested that the Enforcement Directorate's process be stayed. After hearing the arguments, the bench issued an interim order postponing the hearing scheduled for January 30.

On October 23, 2022, the ED had issued a show cause notice under the Foreign Exchange Management Rules. This was challenged by the petitioner.

The High Court has ordered a stay on the show cause notice issued to Malavika Hegde, the CEO of Cafe Coffee Day, regarding the same allegation.

Cycle Pure Agarbathi celebrates National Driver's Day with a fragrance of legacy

BENGALURU

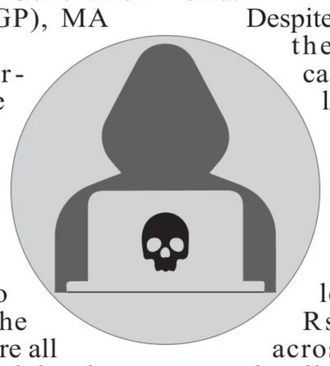
Cycle Pure Agarbathi, one of India's largest agarbathi manufacturers, honoured drivers across India with the distribution of VIBE Power Bag Air freshener. This initiative was executed in collaboration with Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Ola Consumer, Indian Federation of App-based Transport Workers (IFAT), VRL Travels, Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC), and DTC (Delhi Transport Corporation) for National Driver's Day. The activity was a heartfelt gesture of appreciation for drivers, who work tirelessly to serve the country, helping its consumers reach their destinations, under demanding conditions and long work hours. On the occasion of Driver's Day, Cycle Pure Agarbathi distributed around 10 Lakh VIBE Power Bag Air freshener sachets across ten cities. As part of this collaboration, Cycle Pure Agarbathi also partnered with KSRTC to distribute VIBE Power Bag Air fresheners across its AC Premium buses in the Bangalore, Mysore, and Mangaluru divisions, ensuring that both drivers and passengers could enjoy a refreshing and soothing travel experience. Speaking about the initiative, Arjun Ranga, Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathi, said, Drivers are the invisible force that keeps India moving every single day.

Calls to cybercrime helpline 1930 surge to 24L in K'taka in 4 years

BENGALURU

Calls to the national cybercrime helpline 1930 have risen sharply in the state over the last four years, reflecting growing awareness on how to report online frauds promptly.

Data from Karnataka police shows calls jumped from 1.3 lakh in 2022 to 24 lakh in 2025.According to official records, 1,30,330 victims of cybercrimes across the state called the helpline in 2022. The number increased to 4,67,258 in 2023; 10,79,458 in 2024 and reached a record high of 24,08,475 calls in 2025. Calls made within 60 to 90 minutes of the offence, in the golden hour, significantly increased chances of freezing funds in the bank accounts of the suspects, said the Director-General and Inspector-General of Police (DG-IGP), MA Saleem.



The cybercrime helpline number 1930 started functioning from December 2021. We request cybercrime victims to dial 1930 at the earliest and share all documents. A delay in filing a complaint helps miscreants withdraw the money from the mule bank accounts, he added.

In 2025, cybercrime cases fell because of two issues - awareness among public and police actions like deactivating the mobile numbers of the suspects, he said.

Despite the increase in the number of calls to the helpline, quick response by the victims remains comparatively low. In 2022, cybercrime losses stood at Rs 113 crore across Karnataka, and police managed to freeze just Rs 8 crore. In 2025, Rs 436 crore was frozen and Rs 2,640 crore was lost to cybercriminals.

Deputy commissioner of police (crime) Raja Imam Kasim said the increase in the number of calls made to 1930 reflects growing awareness among the public. Recently, we recovered about Rs 2.2 crore lost in an email spoofing fraud.

The 100 percent recovery was possible because the complaint was filed by calling 1930 within 15–20 minutes of the fraud. When a complaint is made through 1930, we look for the details of the suspect's bank accounts. On finding the money in those accounts, we seize them.

Knowing this, miscreants try to withdraw the money as soon as possible, he said. If the lines of 1930 are busy, Kasim added victims can also file their complaints through www.cybercrime.gov.in.

Socio-educational survey report likely to be submitted to govt by Feb 10: Min

BENGALURU

The Permanent Backward Classes Commission headed by Madhusudan Nayak is likely to submit the social and educational survey report to the government by the end of January or by February 10, said Kannada and Culture and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Shivraj S Thangadagi.

Speaking after inaugurating the Ambigara Choudaiah Jayanti organized by the Kannada and Culture Department at Nayana Auditorium, he said that the data is already being compiled and the report will be submitted soon. He said that this report will help identify the most vulnerable people in society and deliver the government's plan.

Also, no matter how much information some people ask, they say that our community is like that. They are like that. The real facts will be revealed from the report.

The Chief Minister is particularly concerned about the backward classes. Earlier, the previous governments used to provide only Rs. 5 crore to the corporation. Last year,

when the Chief Minister demanded more funds, he responded by providing Rs. 1600 crore to all the corporations of the department. Out of this, Rs 23.24 crore was given to Ambigara Chowdaiah Development Corporation. Also, the cost of the unit provided under the Ganga Kalyan Yojana has been increased from Rs. 2.50 lakh to Rs. 3.75 lakh. The previous government did not drill a single borewell under the Ganga Kalyan Yojana in three and a half years. Since I became the Minister of the department, 18 thousand borewells have been drilled. Furthermore, Rs. 20 lakh was being given as a loan for the children of the backward classes to study abroad. We have increased that amount to Rs. 50 lakh at zero interest, he informed.

Everyone in the labour community and the Ganga-minded society should wake up. The Minister assured the community leaders present on the stage that action would be taken against them if they said that the Jayanti was not being celebrated in any district.

Ambigara Chowdaiah stands at the top among the many talents who gave birth to the 12th century Basavanna's Vachana movement. He said that he was known as a strict humanist by pouring a stream of ideological narration in his Vachanas.

Born and raised in an environment that was exploited, Choudaiah focused on the change in his community. Sharan was known for his boldness. He unflinchingly condemned many aspects of the evils in society. He recalled that he condemned the corruption, fraud, gender discrimination and discrimination that took place in the name of religion.

A statue of Ambigara Chowdary will be constructed in Bengaluru. We have already searched for a place for the construction of the statue. Minister Shivaraj Thangadgi assured that the department will construct the statue in Bengaluru after identifying the place.

GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT

17th Bengaluru International Film Festival from Jan 29

BENGALURU

The 17th Bangalore International Film Festival will be held from January 29th. Here are the complete details of the programme.

The countdown to the much-anticipated 17th Bangalore International Film Festival has begun, with the film festival set to kick off in front of Vidhana Soudha on the evening of January 29.

Karnataka Film Academy President Sadhu Kokila and Information Department officials Hemant Nimbalkar, Murali and Kaveri gave information about this by unveiling the logo of the film festival at the Information Department.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the film festival. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, film festival ambassador multilingual actor Prakash Raj, actress Rukmini Vasanth, dignitaries from the Kannada film industry and guests from home and abroad will be present at the event. During the festival, films will be screened at Cinepolis screens in Lulumal, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru from January 30 to February 6. In addition to Cinepolis and Lulumal, films will also be screened at the Kannada Film Artists Association and Suchitra Film Society.

The festival will showcase around 225 best films from 70 countries, reflecting the state of affairs, people's lives and culture of the respective countries. The best films that have participated in prestigious film festivals around the world are participating in the 17th Bangalore International Film Festival.

The best films from countries like America, Britain, Germany, France, Korea, Austria, Belgium, Netherlands, Finland, Iran, Argentina, Canada, Denmark, Greece, Russia, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Japan, Spain, Indonesia, Italy, Australia, China, Kyrgyzstan, etc. will be screened under the title of World in

As usual, this year too, the festival will have competition categories for Visionary Indian and Kannada films. Awards will be given to the three best films in each of these three categories.

The closing ceremony will be held on February 6 in the evening at the Sulochana Cinema of the Information and Public Relations Department. Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot will preside. The 8-day film festival will be inaugurated by giving away awards to the winners of the competition categories of Visionary, Indian and Kannada films.

GTTC ties up with Aus social enterprise to boost GCO

BENGALURU

The state-run Government Tool & Training Centre (GTTC) signed an agreement with Workinitiatives, a leading Australian social enterprise, to address Australia's critical skills shortages and create global career pathways for Karnataka's skilled workforce.

This partnership will connect Karnataka's professionals, tradespeople and community workers with Australian employers, focusing on sectors like construction, healthcare, advanced manufacturing and technology. This partnership leverages Workinitiatives' innovative technology to connect job seekers, employers and government bodies. The MoU was signed by Siddalingappa Pujari, Managing Director of and Chris Carman, founder and CEO of Workinitiatives in the presence of Skill Development and Medical Education Minister Dr Sharanaprakash R Patil at Vikasa Soudha on Thursday.

According to Carman, Australia faces significant shortages in some of the Industry sectors including construction trades, over 100,000 healthcare and aged care over 400,000, cybersecurity, AI and software development. We're impressed with the Karnataka's proactive approach.

QUICK READ

Chitradurga police seek public help to find missing man

CHITRADURGA
Authorities are seeking help to locate Krishnanayaka (28), father of Chetan Kumar, who went missing from Gollarahalli village, Hosadurga taluk, on January 12. He is 5.3 feet tall, wheatish complexion, medium build, with a stick-like face. At the time of disappearance, he was wearing a white shirt with black stripes and black pants. He speaks Kannada and Lambani. Anyone with information can contact Sri Rampur Police Station at 8277985566, 9480803156, or 8792662214; Hiriyur DSP at 9480803122; or Chitradurga District Police Control Room at 9480803100.

Chitradurga offers bakery products skill training

CHITRADURGA
The Agricultural Science Center at Babbur Farm, Hiriyur taluk, is offering a one-month bakery products manufacturing training from February 19 to March 19. Participants will learn to prepare cookies like butter, millet, coconut, masala, and cereal biscuits, along with hands-on training for fruit cake, plain cake, honey cake, bread, buns, and dil pasand. The training fee is □3,000, and registration closes on February 16, with priority given to early applicants. Successful participants will receive a certificate. Interested candidates can contact Home Scientist Dr. Saraswati J.M. at 9986647124 or visit in person for details and registration.

Chikkaballapur district hosts fruitful exhibition event

CHIKKABALLAPUR
Chikkaballapur will host a District Level Fruitful Exhibition on January 26 at 11:30 am at the District Stadium, organized by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, and Horticulture Department. The event will be inaugurated by Higher Education Minister and District Incharge Dr. M.C. Sudhakar. Horticulture, Mines, and Earth Sciences Minister S.S. Mallikarjun will oversee the program, while MLA Pradeep Eshwar will preside. Several dignitaries are expected, including MPs Dr. K. Sudhakar and M. Mallesh Babu, MLAs S.N. Subbareddy, B.N. Ravikumar, and K.H. Puttaswamy Gowda, and legislative council members. Government officials, secretaries from science, technology, and horticulture departments, along with agricultural society leaders, will participate. Farmers, elected representatives, union leaders, and citizens from across the district are invited. The exhibition aims to showcase local horticulture achievements, promote agricultural growth, and strengthen cooperation between farmers and government bodies, making it an important event for Chikkaballapur.

K'taka showcases journey from Millet To Microchip

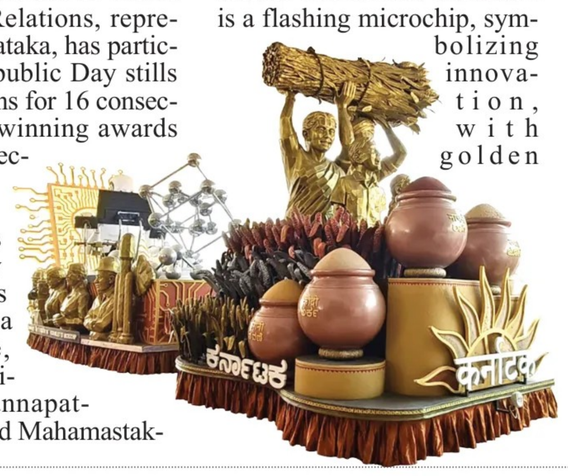
The still film showcases K'taka's heritage and modernity, featuring a microchip and golden-screwed robot face symbolizing tradition-meets-technology

CHITRADURGA

Karnataka is set to showcase its remarkable journey from agriculture to high technology at the Bharat Parva, held alongside the Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2026, at the Red Fort. The state will present a still film titled "From Millet to Microchip", highlighting its achievements in agriculture, industry, science, and technology. Commissioner Hemant M. Nimbalkar said the film demonstrates Karnataka's balanced growth—from nutritious food and cereals to microchips and AI innovations. Farmers and their families are depicted holding up abundant crops, symbolizing the strength of rural India, while a rotating molecule, AI robots, drones, rockets, and scientists represent technological progress, industrial growth, and modern agriculture.

The Department of News and Public Relations, representing Karnataka, has participated in Republic Day stills and exhibitions for 16 consecutive years, winning awards for art, architecture, and cultural themes. The state has previously secured prizes for Hoysala architecture, traditional Bidar art, Channapatnam dolls, and Mahamastakabhisheka, reflecting its rich heritage.

The still film captures the essence of self-reliance, blending Karnataka's heritage with its modern accomplishments. The central attraction is a flashing microchip, symbolizing innovation, with golden screws forming the backdrop of a robot's face, representing the convergence of technology and tradition.



Only 15 states and union territories are allowed to showcase still films each year, making Karnataka's participation a matter of pride. The film's design, symbolism, and narrative emphasize progress while preserving cultural roots, showing the state's role in shaping India's self-reliant future.

Commissioner Nimbalkar expressed confidence that the film will be widely appreciated for portraying Karnataka's journey from soil to science, celebrating its achievements in agriculture, education, industry, and technology.

Chitradurga railway projects get quick relief

CHITRADURGA

Chitradurga MLA K.C. Virendra Pappi requested urgent action on long-standing railway issues, including the construction of flyovers and repair of underbridges. Union Railway Minister V. Somanna responded positively, assuring speedy measures to ease traffic and waterlogging problems in the city.

The Minister provided a detailed written reply to MLA Pappi's complaints, originally submitted in May last year. He highlighted progress on three major railway gates where flyovers are planned to reduce congestion.

At Railway Gate No. 20 near Kavadigarhatti, the construction of a flyover and subway between Amritpur and Chitradurga stations has been sanctioned, with the general design map approved. Work on the connecting highway is ongoing under the National Highways Department, Shimoga.

For Railway Gate No. 22 on Davangere Road, the flyover has been sanctioned on a cost-sharing basis, and the design map is being prepared. Meanwhile, Railway Gate No. 15 near Bhimasamudra Road has received full funding approval by the Railway Department, and land acquisition is in progress. Regarding underbridges, urgent steps have been taken to prevent waterlogging during rains. A 24-hour watchman has been deployed at the Chitradurga-Turuvanur underbridge, and a motor pump operates continuously. Sewerage repairs at the Manangi underbridge are complete, while works at Kurubarahalli, Rattihalli, and Nagenahalli underbridges are ongoing.

MLA Pappi's student wing also flagged potholes on Medehalli and Gonur road underbridges, causing difficulties for motorists for several years. The Railway Ministry has been urged to address these longstanding issues.

The combined efforts of MLA Pappi and Union Minister Somanna aim to ensure smoother traffic flow, improved public safety, and timely completion of all railway projects in Chitradurga.

Govt Montessori program launches in Bettadanagenahalli

CHITRADURGA

The Government Montessori program for LKG and UKG was inaugurated recently at Bettadanagenahalli-B Anganwadi Center under the Bhimasamadra Circle. The event was organized by the Department of Women and Child Development along with the Bharamasagar Child Development Scheme. Chief guest P. Jagdish, brother of donor Dr. P. Manjunath and a scientist in Canada, generously donated essential furniture, including almeras, racks, and tables to both Anganwadi centers A and B. In addition, children received learning materials such as mini chairs, tables, school uniforms, shoes, socks, notebooks, and school bags to support their education. Child Development Project Officer Nirmala Chakkannavar urged villagers to take full advantage of the government Montessori facilities. Several officials and villagers attended, including supervisor Jaheda Begum, program members B. Zaitun and Pushpa, Gram Panchayat member Prakash, head teachers Nagarajappa and Thimmanna, and Anganwadi workers from Bhimasamadra Circle. The program aims to encourage early education and provide necessary support for children's growth.

MUDA Scam: Enforcement Directorate Attaches Properties Worth Over Rs. 20 Crore

MYSURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has provisionally attached 10 immovable properties, including six illegally allotted MUDA sites, three other properties, and a commercial building valued at Rs. 20.85 crore. This action, taken on January 21, 2026, is part of the ongoing investigation into the MUDA scam under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, involving former Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah and others.

The investigation was triggered by an FIR filed by Lokayuktha Police, Mysore, following allegations of large-scale illegal site allotments by the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA). Searches conducted by ED in October 2024 revealed gross violations of land allotment rules and a nexus between MUDA officials and real estate businessmen, including illicit cash payments for site approvals.

Previously, ED attached 283 illegally allotted MUDA sites and arrested former MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who is currently in judicial custody. Investigations uncovered layering of undue gratification used to purchase properties in the names of relatives and associates. Former MUDA Chairman S.K. Marigowda was also implicated for receiving illegal benefits.

So far, properties worth approximately Rs. 460 crore have been attached. The probe is ongoing.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, L.SRINIVASAN alias L S PRASAD S/o LAXMINARAYANAN AIYAR, R/o QA2-205, ALPINE ECO APARTMENT, Outer Ring Road, Near Rainbow Childreen Hospital, Doddenekundi, Marathahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560037, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRASAD LAXMINARAYANAN AIYAR.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KAUSTUBHA S/o VEERAPPA SHETTAR, R/o 24-6-611 KAUSTHUBA, Near Attavara Library, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KAUSTUBHA VEERAPPA SHETTAR.

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This is to inform to General public that my client **Smt.Manjula S** W/o Shankarareddy S ., Residing at Yallampalli Village, Yallampalli Gramapanchayth, Kasaba Hobali, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Certified copy ,have lost following Document of property pertating to below Mentioned property Situated at Yallampalli Village, Yallampalli Gramapanchayth, Kasaba Hobali, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, had published the factum of lost of her Original Sale Deed, Dated:25-08-2021,Regd Sale Deed ,Executed by **Smt. Manjula S** W/o Shankarareddy S and Smt.Rathnamma W/o Shivareddy and Kumari. Sindhu S S/o Shankarareddy S and Kumari.Bindu S D/o Shankarareddy S, In Favour of Smt.Chikkananjamma W/o Ramakrishnareddy, In regd as Book No.1,Volume No.BGP-1-01997-2021-22,CD No.BGPD753,In regd before of the SRO Bagepalli ., in Respect of Property Bearing E-Swathu Form No.9 and 11A,E-Swathu No.**152800102700120129,** Property No.662/1, In measuring East to west 9.144 Meters, North to South 12.192 Meters, Totally measuring 12.00 Sq Meters, Building Area 99.48 Sq Meters,Situated at Yallampalli Village, Yallampalli Gramapanchayth, Kasaba Hobali,Bagepalli Taluk, Kolar District., police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR NO. Lost Report no.2021706/2026, DATED;-**22-01-2026**, and complaint dated;-22-01-2026, by respective person, if anybody finds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.
Place;-Chinthamani,
Date;-22-01-2026.
K.S.HARISH KUMAR
ADVOCATE
Office: NEAR KISHORE SCHOOL, ABOVE APPOLO PHARMACY, BESIDE SANTHOSHI MATHA TEMPLE, BANGALORE MAIN ROAD CHINTHAMANI.
Mob;-**9980110692**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Mr. SHIVANNA J. S/o Late.Javaregowda, residing at No.8, Gohalli Village, Yelwal Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District, is the full and absolute owner of the Schedule Property and he has lost the Original HAKKU PATHRA Dt:19.11.1991 in Gohalli Village, Yelwal Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District on 10.01.2026 and the same is not traced till date. The said Original Hakku Pathra was executed by Tahasildar, Mysore Taluk infavour of Smt Chikkamma. Hence, the finders of the said Original Hakku Pathra Dt:19.11.1991 is hereby informed to contact the undersigned Advocate within 07 days from the date of this publication. Therefore, any person/s, Financial Institution/s having any right, claim or interest in the Schedule Property or portion of the Schedule Property, shall forward their objections to the under signed in writing along with supporting documents within 07 (Seven) days from the date of this Public Notice. Any claim or objection received after the expiry of the said period will not be binding over the schedule mentioned property and my client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that Part and Parcel of the Residential House Property bearing RDPR PID No. 152200427133000114, Property No. 31/29 (Site No.8 as per Hakkupthra) as per the Gramapanchayat records situated at Gohalli Village, Yelwal Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District, constructed on the Site measuring East to West: 9.144 Meters and North to South 12.192 Meters, with Total Site Area of 111.483648 Square Meters and Constructed Area of 92.903040 Square Meters, coming under the limits of the Beerihundi Grama Panchayat, Mysore Taluk, bounded on :- East By : Site No.7 House of Chikkolamma, West By : Site No.9 House of Puttamma Marigowda, North By : Road, South By : House of Garagasana Mallaiah.
Sd/- S. Pradeep Kumar M.B.A., LL.B.
Roll No. KAR/1332/2012
Advocate, #2917/A, 1st Floor, Opp. TTL College, Kantharaja Urs Road, Saraswathipuram
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHOFIN")** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest *[Act], 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and Interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic** possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said *[Act] read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower and Co-borrower / Loan account number/ Branch	Description Of Secured Asset In Respect Of Which Interest Has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice sent & Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
1	Renuka P, Sathish S, Saroja M, **/MHL00340016642/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 41/34, P.I.D No. 15220060195200160, Situated At Chinnnenahalli Grama, Chithenahalli Gramapanchayat, Periyapatna Block, Mysore (D), Karnataka Pin: 571107. Measuring: E-W: 12.19 Meter & N-S:12.19 Meter. Admeasuring: 148.59 Sq Mts. East-Property of Jayamma, West-Government Road, South-House of Sanjeevaiah, North-Property of Sannamma	20-10-2025 & Rs.412620/-	20-01-2026
2	Tholasamma D, Maheshwarappa B K, Sachin B M, **/MHL00510016574/** Shimoga	All That The Piece or Parcel of Site Along With Structure Standing There On Being Bearinf Site/Khata/Property No. 20, E-Property No. 151000400500320008, Measuring East-West 15.5448 Meter X North-South 8.5344 Meter, Total 132.67 Sq. Meter, Including 132.67 Sq. Meter Building, Situated At Bidarakere Gollarahatti Village, Bidarakere Village Panchayath, Holalker Taluk, Chithradurga District, Karnataka Pin: 577554. East-Road, West-Road, South-Sampalu, North-Property of Anandappa Murdhara	20-10-2025 & Rs.331808/-	20-01-2026
3	Chikka Mani N, Rajesha K, Pooja V, **/MHL00340018711/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No: 135/133, P.I.D. No: 152200102800720084, Admeasuring 348.39 Sq.mts Sogalli, Village Antarasanthe Gp, H D Kote Block, Mysore District. Karnataka, Pin: 571114. East-House of Sannathyamma, West-Site Property of Akkamannamma, South-Road, North-Govt. Oni	20-10-2025 & Rs.509961/-	20-01-2026
4	Hanumanthppa Shantappa, Shantappa Honnappa Belakeri, Girijamma Shantappa Belakeri, **/NHL00510028385/** Shimoga	Property No: 142, E-Property No. 151700400500400173, Total Measuring67.55 Sq.mtr, Aladakatti, Aladakatti Grama Yatthinahalli Gram Panchayath Hirekarur Tq Haveri Dist, Near Road, Dharwar, P.O. Hirekerur, Dharward, Karnataka, Pin: 581111. East-Property of Nagappa Belakeri, West-Property of Mallavva Chigari, South-Mallappa Harijana, North-P.W.D. Road	20-10-2025 & Rs.628470/-	20-01-2026
5	Ramizabi Ahmedasab Bhagavathi, Ahmedasab Pirasaab Bhagavathi, Mahmedsab Adamsab Bhagavathi, **/MHL00260024883/** Hubli	Vpc No: 80/1, P.I.D. No. 152700700800100240, Total Measuring 154 Sq.mtr, And Building 86 Sq.mtr, At: kendalageri Tq: Mundgod Dist: Uttar Kannada, Jalagar Oni, Mundgod, P.O. Gunjavati, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, Pin: 581349. East-Property of Jainabi Kasimsab, West-Property of Bibijan Yeragatti, South-Road, North-Road	20-10-2025 & Rs.503375/-	20-01-2026
6	Somashekhara Amaregouda Police Patil, Saroja Somashekhar Police Patil, Anand Mudiyappa, **/NHL00260032481/** Hubli	Residential Property Bearing Vpc No.56, Property No.152000201600201456, Total Measuring 55.74 Sq Mtr In Rs No. 202/*/* Situated At Ginagera Village, Tq: & Dist: Koppal, Karnataka-583228. East-Plot No.57, West-Remaining Property In This Property, South-Plot No.55, North-Road	20-10-2025 & Rs.435265/-	20-01-2026
7	Mabubi Sayedsab Mujawar, Saiyadsab Rustumsab Muzavar Siddi, Shanurbaba Showkat Machapur, **/MHL00260040031/** Hubli	Residential Gramthana Property Bearing Vpc No.81/A, Property No.152701101100301645, Total Measuring 260.00Sq Mtr And Building Measuring 66.00 Sq Mtr Situated At Madanur Village, Tq: Yallapur & Dist: Uttara Kannada, Karnataka-581412. East-Panchayat Road, West-Lagu Road, South-Property of Husenabi Moulasab Mujawar, North-Lagu Panchayat Road	20-10-2025 & Rs.537398/-	20-01-2026
8	Duragavva Yaddalagudda, Basavaraj Yaddalgudda, Mallappa Yaddalagudda, Surekha Basavaraj Yaddalagudda, Shivaji Yaddalagudda, **/MHL00980043047/** Belgaum	All That Piece And Parcel of G P No. 61, Measuring East-West: 47' Ft X North-South: 62' Ft = 2911 Sq Ft, Situated At Somanatti, Within The Limits Of Gram Panchayat Tirma; Guddi, And Within The Jurisdiction of Sro Belagavi Tal & Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka-590016. East-Property of Durgappa Balappa Nittur, West-Property of Road, South-Property of kareppa Kallappa Kapaiatti., North-Property of Fakirppa Yallappa Mastamardi.	20-10-2025 & Rs.473039/-	20-01-2026
9	Virupakshappa Takappa Balikayi, Lakshmavva Takappa Balikayi, Takappa Virupakshappa Balikayi, Lakshman Fakkirappa Olekar, **/NHL00260045726/** Hubli	Residential Gramthana Property Bearing Vpc No.129, Property No.151700601600400329, Measuring East To West: 8.20, 9.10Mtr And North To South: 12.20, 12.30Mtr, Total Measuring 211.92 Sq Mtr And Building Measuring 51.00Sq Mtr Situated At Basavanakoppa Village Within Hesarur Gram Panchayat, Tq: Savanur & Dist: Haveri, Karnataka - 581118. East-Property of Gouramma Pujar, West-Property of Somappa Balikayi, South-Govt. Road, North-Property of Dyamanna Sahukar	20-10-2025 & Rs.405722/-	20-01-2026
10	Mahadevaswamy A, Maheshwari A, Balaraju A, Ravi G B, **/NHL00900011149/** Vivekananda Circle	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No.355A, P.I.D. No.152200501900520394, Situated At Gattivadi Village, Doddakowlande Grama Panchayath, Nanjanagud Taluk And Mysuru District, Measuring East To West 10.0584 Meters And North To South 14.9352 Meters, Total Measuring 147.16 Square Meters Karnataka Pin: 571312. East-Vacant Site Belongs To Subbanna., West-Site Belongs To Mahesh. South-Site Belongs To Basavaraju, North-Road	21-10-2025 & Rs.686094/-	20-01-2026
11	Bankapur Yallappa Renukabai, Manjunath Yallappa Bankapur, Kalmesh Yallappa Bankapur, Yallappa Tippanna Bankapur, Babu Hanumantappa Tallalli, **/MHL00260028675/** Hubli	Residential Gramthana Property Bearing Vpc No.3, Property No.151700204100300006, Total Measuring 287.73Sq. Mtr And Building Measuring 47.04 Sq Mtr, Situated At Aregoppa "Illage Within Hullatti Gram Panchayat, Tq: Hanagal & Dist: Haveri, Karnataka-581203. East-Property Of Shivaputrappa Bankapur, West-Property of Shivaputrappa Bankapur & Shivappa Bankapur, South-Road, North-Road	21-10-2025 & Rs.712966/-	20-01-2026
12	Savitha G, Prasanna H M, Kalyanamma G, **/MHL00920029517/** Vinayanagar Ramnagara	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No.282, P.I.D. No.1529003150600483, Hospalya Village, Kalari Kaval Gramapanchayath, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, Measuring Totally 257.53 Square Meters, Karnataka-562120. East-Road, West-Property Belongs To Channappa., South-Property Belongs To Kempanna, North-House Belongs To Munibairaiah.	21-10-2025 & Rs.705350/-	20-01-2026
13	Srinidhi K, Siddaiah K, Harshitha J M, **/NHL00900025231/** Vivekananda Circle	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No.8-3-572-96, Property Old No. KT169/109, Assessment No. D3/1559/Kt-169/109, Situated At Ward No.8, 3™¢ Cross, Marigowda Badavane, Mandya, Totally Measuring 459.86985 Square Meters, Karnataka-571401. East-8-3-572-94., West-8-3-572-98., South-Road 572, North-8-3-571-7 And 8-3-571-9.	21-10-2025 & Rs.933387/-	20-01-2026
14	Yashavanth Kumar D, Mangala Y, Shivamma D, Shahikumar, **/NHL00510014547/** Shimoga	All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing Rdpr Khata No.152400502400100633, As Per Gram Panchayat Record Property No.592/388/2 Measuring East To West 4.572 Sq Meter And North To South 18.288 Sq Meter In Total 83.61 Sq Meter Including Measuring 65.03 Sq Meter House Property Situated At Santekaduru, Santekaduru Gram Panchayat. Shivamogga Taluk And Shivamogga District, Karnataka, Pin: 577222 Bounded By: As Per E-Khata. East-House of Nagaratnamma, West-House of Renuka, South House of Bhagyamma, North-Road	21-10-2025 & Rs.938064/-	20-01-2026

Date: 23rd January 2026 | Place: KARNATAKA Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

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E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with proviso to rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) indicated below that the below-described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd., hereafter known as ACHFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ACHFL, being the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As Is Where Is," "As Is What Is," and "Whatever There Is" basis on **10/02/2026 (Tuesday) between 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM** for recovery of the below-mentioned amount with future interest and costs due to ACHFL from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as below mentioned.

Name of Borrower, Co- Borrower, Mortgagors, Loan A/c No.		
1. Venkatesha ("Borrower") 2. Padma ("Co-Borrower") / LAN: 1172040100105		
Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2) & Date of Physical Possession,	Reserve Price	E-Auction Date and Time
	Earnest Money Deposit	EMD Submission Last Date
	Bid Increment Amount (In Rs.)	Inspection Date
09.07.2024, Rs. 9,22,530/- as on 30.06.2024 19.07.2025, NPA Date: 30.06.2024	RP - Rs. 8,00,000/-	10.02.2026 from 11.30 A.M. To 4.30 P.M.
	EMD - Rs. 80,000/-	10.02.2026 between 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
	Bid - Rs. 10,000/-	02.02.2026 (Monday) from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing No. 99/37, E-Khatha No. 152800600500820066, Situated at Kothanuru Village, Kothanuru Grama Panchayath limits, Shidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on:- **East By:** Site No.38., **West by:** Site No.36, **North by**: Site No.28., **South by:** Road

1. Inspection of property: **02.02.2026 from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.**
2. Last date and time for submission of Earnest Money Deposit hereafter known as **EMD: 10.02.2026 between 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM**
3. For detailed Terms and conditions kindly visit our website **https://altumcredo.co.in/SARFAESI**
4. Authorised officer: **Pramod Upadya - 9886531206**

Place : Chikkaballapura, Karnataka
Date : 23.01.2026
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd. (ACHFL)

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ
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ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.01.2026

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯರವರಿಂದ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 5054 ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸೇತುವೆ, 5054–03–337–0–75–422/423 ಪ.ಜಾ/ಪ.ಪಂ, 4235–02–102–0–06(386)ರಡಿ (ಐ.ಸಿ.ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.–ನರೇಗಾ) ಒಗ್ಗೂಡಿಸುವಿಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ನಗರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳ ಶೌಚಾಲಯ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 13 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಡಲಾದ ಮೊತ್ತ ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ರೂ.62.70 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮತ್ತು ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ರೂ. 3.99 ಲಕ್ಷ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in, kpp portal ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.02.2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸಾನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/726/2025–26

QUICK READ

Lawrence Bishnoi gang associate caught in Bihar

Patna

Patna Police arrested Parmanand Yadav, an associate of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, after an early morning encounter in Masaurhi. Yadav sustained a leg injury during the exchange of fire and is receiving treatment at Patna Medical College and Hospital. Police said he had been evading arrest for a long time and is linked to over 20 serious cases, including murder, robbery, and extortion. Acting on a tip about his movement from Beur to Jehanabad, officers intercepted him. Authorities called it a major blow to the gang network in Bihar and are interrogating him for further leads.

Jharkhand HC pauses CBI probe in college exam row

Ranchi

The Jharkhand High Court on Thursday stayed the CBI investigation into the Dhanbad Institute of Technology exam controversy until further notice. The bench, led by Chief Justice M.S. Sonak, heard an appeal by the state government and Jharkhand University of Technology against a single bench order directing the probe. The case involves the institute admitting 138 students despite permission for only 60, preventing some from appearing in exams. The matter will be heard again on January 29. Officials said the stay temporarily halts the investigation, highlighting ongoing disputes over compliance and student rights.

7 labourers die in Ch'garh steel plant blast

'The explosion happened suddenly while workers were engaged in routine work near the furnace'

RAIPUR

Seven labourers were killed and at least ten others seriously injured after a powerful explosion at a private steel plant in Chhattisgarh on Thursday morning. The blast occurred at the DSC coal furnace of Real Ispat and Power Limited in Bakulahi village of Baloda Bazar district, triggering panic in the industrial area.

According to initial police information, the explosion happened suddenly while workers were engaged in routine work near the furnace. Burning coal and extremely hot material were thrown in all directions, leaving several labourers with severe burn injuries. Seven workers died on the spot due to critical burns, while the injured were rushed

to a nearby hospital, where their condition is being closely monitored.

Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel expressed grief over the incident and urged the state government to ensure proper medical treatment for the injured. He also demanded adequate compensation for the families of the deceased and called for a high level inquiry to fix responsibility. However, the current BJP led government under Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has not yet announced any ex gratia relief.

Eyewitnesses said thick black smoke and flames rose high into the sky after the blast, while parts of the furnace area were engulfed in fire. Firefighters reached the spot quickly and managed to control the blaze, preventing further damage.

Police teams from Nipania outpost and Bhatapara rural station secured the site, recovered bodies, and sent them for post mortem examinations. An investigation has been launched to find out whether equipment failure, gas build-up, or poor maintenance caused the explosion.

The tragedy has once again raised serious concerns over safety standards in heavy industries. Local residents and labour groups mourned the loss, saying most victims were sole earners of their families.

Liquor scam: ED questions Vijayasai Reddy

HYDERABAD

Former Rajya Sabha member V Vijayasai Reddy appeared before the Enforcement Directorate on Thursday for questioning in connection with the multi crore liquor scam case linked to the previous YSR Congress Party government. He arrived at the ED regional office in Hyderabad, where officials questioned him as part of a money laundering probe related to alleged irregularities in the state's excise policy.

The investigation concerns a liquor policy implemented between 2019 and 2024, during which large scale fund misappropriation and kickbacks are alleged to have taken place. Officials estimate that nearly Rs 3,500 crore was siphoned off over five years through manipulation of licences, brand approvals and supply arrangements. The Enforcement Directorate began its probe based on an FIR registered by Andhra Pradesh Police after the change of government in 2024. Earlier, a Special Investigation Team questioned Vijayasai Reddy, who quit the YSRCP and resigned as a Rajya Sabha member last year.

The SIT has named several accused, including sitting MPs, retired IAS officers, distillery firms and shell company operators. YSRCP MP P V Midhun Reddy, who was arrested earlier and later released on bail, has been summoned by the ED for questioning on Friday.

Investigators say the case highlights serious lapses in governance and has triggered wider scrutiny of policy decisions taken during the previous administration, as the probe continues to expand across political and bureaucratic circles. Authorities said further questioning and financial analysis will determine individual responsibility and possible prosecution as agencies trace money trails and examine documents linked to the alleged scam in the coming days.

SC allows Hindu prayers, namaz on Basant Panchami at disputed complex

NEW DELHI

In a major ruling on Thursday, the Supreme Court has allowed both Hindus and Muslims to pray at the Bhojshala Temple-Kamal Maula Mosque complex in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. The decision comes ahead of Basant Panchami, which falls on Friday, January 23, this year.

The Court, led by Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M. Pancholi, gave detailed directions to ensure both communities can carry out their religious rituals peacefully. Hindus can perform Saraswati Puja throughout the day in a specially designated area, while Muslims may offer Friday namaz from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in a separate part of the complex. Special passes will be issued to those attending the prayers.

The Bhojshala complex, protected by the Archaeological Survey of India, remains a subject of dispute, with the main case over its religious status still pending before the Court

During the hearing, senior advocate Salman Khurshid, representing the mosque committee, pointed out that similar arrangements had been made in 2006, 2013, and 2016 when Basant Panchami coincided with Friday. Hindu counsel Vishnu Shankar Jain requested uninterrupted access for devotees, as the festival is traditionally celebrated from sunrise to sunset.

The Supreme Court urged both communities to respect each other and cooperate with authorities to maintain peace. The Bhojshala complex, protected by the Archaeological Survey of India, remains a subject of dispute, with the main case over its religious status still pending before the Court.

Sabarimala gold heist: Satheesan demands ministerial resignations

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Assembly remained stalled on Thursday as the Opposition intensified its protest over the Sabarimala gold theft case. Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the matter needed ministerial resignations, not another discussion in the House.

Speaking to the media outside the Assembly, Satheesan said the Opposition did not give notice for a debate because there was "nothing left to discuss". He pointed out that the High Court, in its November 5 order, had already made serious and shocking observations on the case.

Satheesan demanded the resignation of Devaswom Minister V.N. Vasavan and alleged that pressure was being exerted from the Chief Minister's Office on the Special Investigation Team probing the case. He said the court had noted that even after the 2019 gold theft, where prime accused Unnikrishnan Potti allegedly misused 475 grams of gold, the Devaswom Board again gave him gold-plating work, ignoring court directions.

He further said the court observed that Potti was summoned again in 2024 through an "urgent" letter from the then Devaswom Board president, followed by an order allowing the work under sponsorship. According to Satheesan, the court also pointed out that despite having enough time before the Mandalam season, a situation of urgency was created by sending out the Dwarapalaka idols in 2025.

Holding Minister Vasavan and the then Board president responsible, Satheesan said resignation was the only answer. He criticised treasury bench ministers for trying to divert attention by mentioning Sonia Gandhi. "Did Sonia Gandhi steal the gold?" he asked, adding that photos with leaders were not the issue.

India sends cancer medicines to Afghan patients

NEW DELHI

India on Thursday delivered 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines to Kabul to help meet the urgent needs of cancer patients in Afghanistan.

The Ministry of External Affairs said the support reflects India's continued commitment to the welfare of the Afghan people.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India remains dedicated to providing humanitarian assistance, especially in the healthcare sector. He added that the medicines were sent to address the growing shortage of cancer treatment in

Afghanistan.

The delivery follows recent high-level discussions between the two countries. In December, Afghanistan's Minister of Public Health, Mawlawi Noor Jalal Jalali, met Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda in New Delhi. The talks focused on strengthening cooperation in healthcare, sharing medical expertise, training Afghan health workers and ensuring a steady supply of quality medicines.

Cancer treatment, medical visas for Afghan patients and support for health facilities were key topics during the meeting. Jalali thanked India for its continued help and highlighted further needs to improve Afghanistan's health system.

Minister Nadda reaffirmed India's commitment to support Afghan citizens through medicines, vaccines and medical equipment. He said a CT scan machine, along with medicines and vaccines, would soon be sent to a children's hospital in Kabul. He also assured easier access to medical treatment for Afghan patients.

India has supplied around 327 tonnes of medicines and vaccines to Afghanistan over the last four years. Proposals for a radiotherapy machine and additional medical supplies are also under process.

Jalali also met AYUSH Minister Prataprao Jadhav to discuss cooperation in traditional medicine. They explored plans to set up a traditional medicine institute and research centre in Kabul, train practitioners and sign a cooperation agreement.

India assured support in developing research centres, training systems and expanding future healthcare cooperation, underlining its long-term humanitarian commitment.

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Within the limits of Yagachikatte Village, Kibbanahalli Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District property bearing Khatha No. 53, PID No. 152500801200300053,This property is owned by **Mrs. Kamalakshamma.** On Date 21.03.2024, she has taken a loan **Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/271/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Chavada Ghatta, Sheelanere Hobli, K.R.Pete Taluk, Mandya District property bearing Khatha No. 3/1, PID No. 152100101400620034,This property is owned by **Mrs. Kavya K R.** On Date 09.02.2024, she has taken a loan of **Rs.9,50,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/392/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Chikkakereyuru Village, Chikkakereyuru Gramapanchayath, Hampapura Hobli, H.D.Kote Taluk, Mysuru District property bearing Katha No-348, Panchayath Unique No.152200100407700555,This property is owned by **Mrs. Kempamma.** On Date 22.12.2023, she has taken a loan of **Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/619/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Lakshmipura Village, Ichanahalli Grama Panchayath, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District property bearing No: 80, RDPR No.151600700800200083,This property is owned by **Mrs. LAKSHMI.** On Date 21.12.2023, she has taken a loan of **Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/212/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Ayathanahalli Village, Ravandooru Hobli, Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru District property bearing Khatha No. 94, PID No. 152200601119620091,This property is owned by **Mr. Mahadeva.** On Date 21.11.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. SECS NO. 114/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Chidaravalli Village, Chidaravalli Gramapanchayath, T.Narasipura Taluk, Mysuru District property bearing Katha No-139/170, Panchayath Unique No.152200701307700146,This property is owned by **Mr. C.S. Mahesha.** On Date 17.11.2022, he has taken a loan of **Rs.6,50,000/- (Rupees Sixe Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. SECS NO. 112/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Thoutanahalli Village, H. Byadarahalli Grama Panchayath, Maluru Hobli, Channapatna Taluk and Ramanagara District property bearing Khatha No. 143/144 and PID No. 152900100800700156,This property is owned by **Mrs. Mangalamma.** On Date 28.04.2024, she has taken a loan **Rs.7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/284/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Yagati Village, Yalagatavalli Grama Panchayath, Arakalagudu Taluk, Hassan District property bearing No: 33, RDPR No.151600300100500311,This property is owned by **Mr. MOHANA M B.** On Date 29.07.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/211/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Mandalekanahalli Village, Ikanahalli Grama Panchayath, Krishnarajapete Taluk, Mandya District property bearing No: 187, RDPR No.152100100101120025,This property is owned by **Mr. Nagaraju T.** On Date 26.02.2024, he has taken a loan of **Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/451/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

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Within the limits of Jakanahalli Village, Kyathanahalli Grama Panchayath, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District property bearing No: 184, RDPR No.151600702401500230,This property is owned by **Mrs. NEELAMMA.** On Date 08.08.2024, she has taken a loan of **Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/218/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Yelechakanahalli Village, Tubinakere Gramapanchayath, Manday Taluk, Mandya District Property bearing Katha No-130/98, Panchayath Unique No.152100408500400661,This property is owned by **Mr. Ningegowda.** On Date 05.02.2024, he has taken a loan **Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/455/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Mayanganahalli Village & Post, Mayanganahalli Gramapanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District property bearing Khatha No. 278/199/209/B, PID No. 152900402101221030,This property is owned by **Mr. Praveen M.** On Date 22.05.2023, he has taken a loan **Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/225/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Mayigonahalli Gram panchayat Naragallu village property bearing Khatha No. 178/280, PID No. 152100501300520085,This property is owned by **Mrs.Prema.** On Date 24.06.2024, she has taken a loan of **Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/439/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Muddanahalli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 134/132, PID No. 151600201600600155,This property is owned by **Mr. Prithvi Raj.** On Date 11.09.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/178/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Koragere Village, Koragere Grama Panchayath, Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumakuru District property bearing No: 273, Form No: 11B, RDPR No.152500100701120032,This property is owned by **Mrs. RADHA MANI.** On Date 28.07.2024, she has taken a loan **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/326/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Muddanahalli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 153, PID No. 151600700900600161,This property is owned by **Mr. Rajesh.** On Date 08.01.2024, he has taken a loan of **Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/175/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Kuggaluru Village, Kasuvinahalli Grama Panchayath, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore District property bearing No: 203/286/286, PID No.152200502909120035,This property is owned by **Mr. Rakesha H.** On Date 06.04.2024, he has taken a loan of **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/628/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Chikkahanasoge Village, Chunchanakatte Hobli, Saligrama Taluk, Mysuru District property bearing Khatha No. 216, PID No. 152200300107300467,This property is owned by **Mrs. Saraswathi.** On Date 20.01.2024, she has taken a loan of **Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. SECS NO. 107/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

No point in attending Assembly without LoP status: Jagan

He says the YSRCP is the only opposition party in the House and deserves official recognition

AMARAVATI

YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday said there was no meaning in attending the Andhra Pradesh Assembly unless he is granted the status of Leader of the Opposition. He stated that the YSRCP is the only opposition party in the House and deserves official recognition.

Speaking to reporters, the former Chief Minister questioned the Assembly Speak-er on why opposition party status was being denied to YSRCP. He said only the LoP position would allow him enough time and space to highlight what he called the wrong actions of the coalition government. Jagan added that democracy itself should be questioned if the sole opposition party is ignored.

His remarks came a day after Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu suggested a "no work, no pay" rule for MLAs who skip Assembly sessions.

The Speaker also proposed the idea of a "right to recall" elected representatives. All 11 YSRCP MLAs have been boycotting the Assembly since 2024.

On his proposed padayatra, Jagan said the decision would be taken at the right time. He earlier told party workers that a padayatra would begin after one year and continue among the people for another year.

Jagan strongly criticised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of taking credit for the comprehensive land resurvey done during the YSRCP rule. He said the previous government spent ₹6,000 crore and deployed nearly 40,000 staff to issue secure land titles under Bhu Raksha and Bhu Hakku schemes.

He alleged that the present government merely changed the colour of passbooks, claimed credit, and even took central funds meant for the project. He said errors in new passbooks were troubling farmers.

Jagan also accused the coalition government of corruption, rising sand prices, gambling, liquor issues, and favouritism in Amaravati works, claiming people would soon see through these actions.

MBBS counselling schedule an-nounced for 50 J&K students

JAMMU

The J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (BOPEE) on Thursday an-nounced the counselling schedule for 50 MBBS students of Shri Mata Vaishno De-vi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME). These students will be allocated seats in seven new government medical colleges of the union territory.

According to the notification, physical counselling will take place on January 24, 2026, starting at 10 a.m., and all 50 selected candidates will be assigned colleges on the basis of merit and preference. The supernumerary seats were created fol-lowing orders from the National Medical Commission (NMC). The entire counsel-ling process will be completed on the same day.

BOPEE stated that detailed information has already been issued in notification number 015 of 2026 and uploaded on the board's official website. Candidates have been informed through multiple communication channels.

The announcement comes after a period of uncertainty when the NMC tempo-rarily withdrew recognition of SMVDIME due to inadequate faculty and infra-structure. The situation was further complicated by protests from the Sangharsh Samiti, which opposed admissions of 14 non-Hindu students, claiming the college was exclusively for Hindu candidates. The J&K Chief Minister rejected this claim, noting the college receives government grants and does not have minority status.

BOPEE has urged candidates to check the official website for further updates and follow the counselling schedule carefully to secure their MBBS seats.

Cong targets BJP over MP chief secretary's corruption remarks

BHOPAL

The Madhya Pradesh Congress on Thursday strongly attacked the BJP-led state government following reported remarks by Chief Secretary Anurag Jain that hinted at widespread corruption in districts.

The comments, allegedly made during a Collector–Commissioner conference, have triggered sharp political reactions.

According to media reports, the Chief Secretary warned district collectors that "nothing is hidden" from him and claimed he receives direct complaints about ir-regularities. He reportedly said he is aware of everything happening in the dis-tricts. Though no official statement has been issued, the remarks have given fresh ammunition to the Opposition.

State Congress president Jitu Patwari questioned the government's silence despite such serious claims. Addressing Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, he asked why no ac-tion had been taken against even a single collector if the top bureaucracy was ful-ly aware of corruption. Patwari alleged that corruption had become routine un-der BJP rule and claimed files do not move without bribes.

Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar also slammed the government, calling the reported remarks an admission from within the system. He said the comments showed that corruption was not an Opposition allegation but something acknowledged by the government's own machinery. Singhar accused the BJP of allowing corruption to flourish at every level of administration.

He further said that when officers are caught in corrupt practices, ordinary citi-zens cannot expect justice, transparency, or proper services. According to him, this reflected a failed model of governance rather than good administration.

Singhar demanded that Madhya Pradesh be freed from middlemen and commis-sion agents, insisting that accountability must begin at the top. He said the state urgently needs clean governance and strict action against corrupt officials.

BJP calls Mamata claim misleading on admitcards

KOLKATA

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday accused West Bengal Chief Minister Ma-mata Banerjee of misleading people by claiming the Election Commission of India was compelled to accept Madhyamik examination admit cards as valid identity proof during Special Intensive Revision hearings.

The Madhyamik examination is the Class Ten board test conducted by the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education.

BJP IT cell chief and party observer for the state, Amit Malviya, said the Chief Min-ister's statement distorted the facts mentioned in the Election Commission's offi-cial circular.

Malviya said the circular clearly stated that the Madhyamik admit card can be used only along with the Madhyamik pass certificate during hearings, and not as a standalone identity document.

He said the Trinamool Congress celebrated the decision as a big political win, pro-jecting it as a victory achieved by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

However, he argued that a careful reading showed that both documents are re-quired, meaning an admit card alone would not be accepted for voter verifica-tion.

According to Malviya, this condition ensures that fake or fabricated documents cannot be misused during the verification process.

He also claimed that such safeguards prevent ineligible names from entering elec-toral rolls, which he said was being falsely portrayed otherwise by the ruling par-ty.

The BJP maintained that the Election Commission acted independently and fol-lowed existing rules, rejecting suggestions of political pressure or court driven compulsion.

As political sparring continues, the party said voters should rely on official notices and verified documents during the revision process, and avoid confusion created by misleading claims and exaggerated statements public.

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Within the limits of Hoovinakopalu Village, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District property bearing Khatha No. 67/734, PID No. 152100302400300084,This property is owned by **Mr. Shivamurthy.** On Date 28.09.2022, he has taken a loan of **Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/390/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Vadagarahalli Village, Bagivalu Grama Panchayath, Gandsi Hobli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing No: 119, RDPR No.151600202500720050,This property is owned by **Mrs. Shwetha R.** On Date 12.04.2024, she has taken a loan of **Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/210/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Moorundi Village, Siddahatti, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 249, PID No. 151600700400320070,This property is owned by **Mrs. Sulochana.** On Date 24.01.2024, she has taken a loan of **Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/180/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Huligere Village, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 11, PID No. 151600500301000011,This property is owned by **Mr. Suresh.H.C.** On Date 25.04.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/179/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Kallahalli Village, Thadasuru Post, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District property bearing Khatha No. 49/45, PID No. 152500801600920051,This property is owned by **Mrs. Theertha Kumari.** On Date 27.04.2023, she has taken a loan **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/269/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Upparahalli Village, Baragudu Post, Handanakere Hobli, Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur District property bearing Khatha No. 2, PID No. 152500101800820048,This property is owned by **Mrs. Vijaya Bai.** On Date 13.02.2024, she has taken a loan **Rs.4,25,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/270/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Kanakatte Village, Kanakatte Grama Panchayath, Arasaikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing No: 628/237/7 34, Form No: 9 & 11A, RDPR No.151600200300220171,This property is owned by **Mr. K S RANGASWAMI.** On Date 15.05.2023, he has taken a loan **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/214/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Chalya Village, Shravana Belagola Hobli, Chennarayapattana Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 443, PID No. 151600500301520105,This property is owned by **Mr.Shivakumar C.R.** On Date 26.05.2023, he has taken a loan **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/181/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Bindalli Village, Bannangadi Panchayath, Pandavapura Taluk, Mandya District property bearing Khatha No. 213/139/2, PID No. 152100602000500249,This property is owned by Mr. Shivakumar. On Date 07.03.2023, he has taken a loan Rs.6,90,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Thousand Only) from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/391/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of HIREHALLI VILLAGE, KASABA HOBLI, H.D.KOTE TALUK, MYSORE DISTRICT BEARING OLD PROPERTY NO-202, NEW PROPERTY NO 152200101201000253,This property is owned by MR. SHIVANNA. On Date 15.05.2025, he has taken a loan Rs. 6,63,887/- (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Seven Only) from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/606/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

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Within the limits of GANJIGERE VILLAGE ARSIKERE TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT Property E- SWOTHU KATHA 9 AND 11A, PROPERTY BEARING NO. 72, PID NO. 151600203500600062,This property is owned by **MRS. VIJAYAMMA.** On Date 15.05.2025, She has taken a loan **Rs. 6,14,419.00/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and She has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/215/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Shyanaboganahalli Village, Odamballi Gramapanchayath, Virupakshipur Hobli, Channarayapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District property bearing Khatha No. 214/179/149/4 and PID No. 152900101300053,This property is owned by **Mrs. Thayamma.** On Date 16.02.2023, she has taken a loan **Rs.3.75,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy-Five Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Cri misc no 608/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Kurubara Hosalli Village, Gurupura Gramapanchayath, HunsuruTaluk, Mysuru District property bearing Katha No-9/9, Panchayath Unique No.152200202517500197,This property is owned by **Mrs. Thayamma.** On Date 18.10.2022, she has taken a loan of **Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/608/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Mylanahalli Village, Puralehalli Grama Panchayath, Arasaikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing No: 29, Form No: 9 & 11A, RDPR No.151600201500920010,This property is owned by **Mr. KUMARASWAMY.** On Date 30.06.2023, he has taken a loan **Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/213/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Seegekote Village, Shivanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District property bearing Khatha No. 5/6/A3, PID No. 152900202800920465,This property is owned by **Mrs. Lakshmi.** On Date 02.03.2023, she has taken a loan **Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/226/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Mallasandra Village, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur District property bearing Khatha No. 1026/31/10 PID No. 152500901700220512,This property is owned by **Mr. Manjunatha.** On Date 17.03.2024, he has taken a loan **Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/327/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Muddanahalli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 108/70, PID No. 151600203600200182,This property is owned by **Mrs. Radhamma**. On Date 19.05.2023, she has taken a loan of **Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/176/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

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Within the limits of Kalasuru Village, H.D.Kote Taluk, Mysuru District property bearing Katha No-131/115, Panchayath Unique No.152200102625100038,This property is owned by **Mr. Beeresha S.** On Date 09.02.2024, he has taken a loan **Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Rupees Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/607/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Niluvagilu Village, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District Property bearing Katha No-55/21, Panchayath Unique No.152100201200800111,This property is owned by **Mrs. Bhavya.** On Date 22.03.2024, she has taken a loan of **Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/388/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Chandahalli Village, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District Property bearing No.180/12, PID No. 152100303600600313,This property is owned by **Mr. Chikadhoda.** On Date 13.11.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.9,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/389/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Maragowdanahalli Village, Paduvalahippe Grama Panchayath, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District property bearing No: 363, RDPR No. 151600701800220145,This property is owned by M**rs. Gayithri.** On Date 24.03.2023, she has taken a loan of **Rs.4,45,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/217/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Doddahejjaluru, Hanagodu Hobli, Hunsuru Taluk, Mysuru District property bearing Khatha No. 95/195, PID No. 15220203015300126,This property is owned by **Mrs. Geetha.** On Date 27.12.2022, she has taken a loan of **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. SECS NO. 109/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Maniyambal Village, Thokasandra Grama Panchayath, Maralavada Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District property bearing Khatha No. 218/1, PID No. 152900202501800199,This property is owned by **Mr. Gopala.** On Date 24.03.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.6,50,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/224/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Chikkakereyuru Village, Chikkakereyuru Gramapanchayath, H.D.Kote Taluk, Mysuru District property bearing Katha No-147, Panchayath Unique No.152200100407700313,This property is owned by **Mrs. Gowramma.** On Date 24.06.2023, she has taken a loan of **Rs.3,75,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/620/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Honnenahalli Village, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 282, PID No. 151600502001020013,This property is owned by **Mr. Harish.** On Date 12.09.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/177/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

Within the limits of Harathnahalli Village, Banavara Hobli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District property bearing Khatha No. 164/H, PID No. 151600201501020069,This property is owned by **Mr. Harish Naik.** On Date 06.11.2023, he has taken a loan of **Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Only)** from Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited by pledging the same property, mortgaged the original purchase deed and house documents and he has not paid any EMI to the Bank, Bank was announced this account Is Non Performing account (NPA) hence case has been filed under Section 14 of the SARFIESI Act. Case No. Crl.Misc/182/2025 bank got physical possession order from hon'ble court ,if any transaction relating to the said property is considered as null and void, hence public should not involve any transaction like Sale, purchase, Transfer or Creation of any right/interest the bank shall not be responsible or liable for any such Transaction. The said property has kept for auction.

QUICK READ

3 dead in shooting in Australia's New South Wales

Whales

Three people have died and another injured after a shooting in a small town in New South Wales, Australia, police have said. Emergency services were called to a residential area in Lake Cargelligo at about 16:40 local time (05:40 GMT). The suspect is still on the run and is believed to have fled in a vehicle, NSW police confirmed. A man and woman were found shot dead in a vehicle, a second shooting soon afterwards killed a woman and left a man in a critical condition in hospital, police said.

Industry leaders hail India as a promising growth hub

Davos

Industry leaders and investors from across Europe and beyond have expressed strong confidence in India's economic future, describing the country as one of the most attractive markets for global businesses. On the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (WEF) here, they highlighted India's large consumer base, stable political environment, rapid infrastructure development and growing trust among international investors. Satish Rao, President of the Swiss Chamber, said India stands out as an exceptional market in today's global scenario. I strongly believe and agree that in today's situation, India is an amazing market for global players for the following reasons, he mentioned.

UK refuses to join Donald Trump Peace Board

Britain's government cites legal and political concerns as it holds back from joining Trump's new international peace initiative, with Russian participation and Ukraine's war at the center of the debate

LONDON

UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper has said that the United Kingdom will not, for now, sign up to US President Donald Trump's proposed Board of Peace, citing concerns about the possible participation of Russian President Vladimir Putin and the broader implications of the initiative.

On the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, Cooper confirmed that while the UK had been invited to join the board, it would not be among the signatories at the launch ceremony. We've been invited, but we won't be one of the signatories today, she said, underlining that the government required more clarity before committing.

The Board of Peace, unveiled by the United States, is being presented as a new international organisation aimed at resolving global conflicts. Under the proposed structure, President Trump would serve as chairman with wide-ranging decision-making powers. US officials have promoted the initiative as a bold step towards faster and more decisive international peace-building.

However, Cooper described the proposal as a legal treaty that raises much broader issues than its initially stated aim of helping to end the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. She noted that the draft charter put forward by the White House does not explicitly reference Gaza or the Palestinian territories, raising questions about its scope, intent and long-term impact.

Critics have argued that the proposed board appears designed to take over or sideline some functions traditionally carried out by the United Nations, particularly those of the UN Security Council, which has served as the primary platform for global diplomacy and conflict resolution since the end of World War Two.

Notably, several of the United States' traditional allies have so far declined to commit to the initiative. None of the other permanent members of the UN Security Council China, France, Russia and the UK have agreed to participate at this stage, highlighting the degree of international caution surrounding the proposal.

Launching the board at a high-profile signing ceremony in Davos alongside global leaders, President Trump insisted that the initiative was not intended to replace the United Nations.

Key points

* President Donald Trump unveiled the 'Board of Peace' at the 2026 World Economic Forum, aiming to resolve global conflicts with broad international participation.

* The UK declined to sign the board's founding treaty due to concerns over Russian involvement and the absence of direct reference to Palestinian territories.

* Several countries, including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Egypt, and Israel, have expressed interest, with permanent membership requiring a $1 billion contribution.

2 dead, several missing after landslides strike New Zealand

WELLINGTON

At least two people have died and several others are feared buried after powerful landslides struck parts of New Zealand's North Island, following days of intense rainfall that has battered the region. Emergency services are continuing search and rescue operations amid challenging conditions, as authorities warn that the situation remains critical.

The confirmed fatalities were reported at Welcome Bay, where a landslide swept through residential areas, causing extensive damage. In a separate incident, rescue workers are searching through debris at a popular campground on Mount Maunganui, where several people are believed to have been buried when a large volume of earth and debris collapsed after prolonged rainfall.

Authorities said there are currently no signs of life at the affected campground site. Emergency officials noted that they have a rough idea of how many people may be missing, but an exact figure has not yet been confirmed. The group feared trapped under the rubble reportedly includes at least one young girl, adding to the gravity of the situation.

Severe landslides triggered by heavy rainfall have claimed two lives in New Zealand, with several others feared buried

The landslides were triggered by days of heavy and persistent rain across the North Island, which also caused widespread flooding, road closures and power outages. Several communities have been cut off, while emergency crews work around the clock to restore essential services and assist displaced residents. Weather conditions have complicated rescue efforts, with unstable ground and continuing rainfall posing risks to both victims and first responders.

Describing the scale of destruction, a senior government minister said parts of the east coast resembled a war zone, underlining the unprecedented nature of the damage. Homes have been inundated, infrastructure severely affected, and thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate as a precaution.

Emergency management authorities have urged people in vulnerable areas to remain vigilant and follow official advisories, warning that further landslides are possible if heavy rains persist. Temporary shelters have been set up for evacuees, while welfare teams are providing food, medical assistance and psychological support.

The disaster has once again highlighted New Zealand's vulnerability to extreme weather events, which scientists say are becoming more frequent and intense due to climate change

Son-in-law of Venezuela opposition leader Gonzalez freed from prison

CARACAS

Rafael Tudares, the son-in-law of Venezuelan opposition leader Edmundo González, has been released from prison after spending more than a year in detention, his wife announced on social media on Thursday. Tudares returned home following what his family described as 380 days of unjust and arbitrary detention, marking a notable development amid Venezuela's ongoing political turmoil.

Tudares was detained in early January 2025 when hooded men intercepted his vehicle in Caracas while he was taking his children to school, according to human rights accounts documented last year. He was later charged in a judiciary process that critics called irregular and was reportedly handed a lengthy sentence on unspecified charges, with his family arguing he was targeted due to his connection to González.

His release is part of a broader but slow process of freeing detainees that has unfolded in Venezuela since a dramatic shift in the country's political landscape earlier this month. On January 3, Nicolás Maduro was captured by US forces and taken to New York to face drug-trafficking charges, an unprecedented event that has reshaped power dynamics in Caracas. Delcy Rodríguez, Maduro's former vice-president, was sworn in as acting president with support from the Donald Trump administration, which has publicly backed the interim government during the transition.

Since these developments, Venezuelan authorities have released a number of political prisoners — though the pace and scale of these releases have drawn criticism from rights groups and families of detainees. Advocacy organisations say hundreds of political prisoners remain behind bars, and some freed individuals continue to face restrictions such as travel bans and court oversight.

SA cops not yet able to defeat gangs: Min

CAPE TOWN

South Africa's Police Minister Firoz Cachalia has said that the security forces are not yet able to defeat deadly criminal gangs, in a stark admission that underscores the scale of the country's crime crisis. Gang violence, alongside robberies, accounts for many murders in South Africa, which has one of the world's highest homicide rates.

Cachalia said gang violence had become increasingly complex, especially in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape provinces, requiring new strategies beyond traditional policing. I do not believe that we are currently in a position to defeat these gangs, the minister told journalists. South Africa, the continent's most industrialised nation, has long struggled with entrenched organised crime.

Many people in South Africa own licensed firearms for personal protection, but there are many more illegal guns in circulation. Police data shows that an average of 63 people were killed each day between April and September last year. Speaking after his visit to crime-infested Nelson Mandela Bay in Eastern Cape, Cachalia said criminal gangs were on a killing spree in the two provinces.

We had a discussion about the problem of organised crime in the Eastern Cape, including extortion rackets, gang violence and related issues, said the minister.

I indicated that this is a grave problem throughout the country, that these cartels wield significant wealth and power, and that this is deeply concerning, he added.

Despite the creation of an anti-gang unit in 2019, Cachalia said gangsters seemed to be winning the war.

Establishing gang units from time to time is an ad hoc response to a growing problem. I really don't think that we should be approaching this matter in a point-scoring way.

He said South African police were doing their best to fight the violence but the problem is a growing one. That is my view.

Restart of world's biggest nuclear plant paused after alert

TOKYO

Japan has suspended operations at the world's largest nuclear power plant just hours after restarting one of its reactors, according to the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company (Tepco). The suspension occurred after an alarm sounded during reactor start-up procedures at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power station, raising fresh concerns over nuclear safety in the country.

Tepco spokesperson Takashi Kobayashi said the alarm was triggered during reactor-start-up procedures at reactor number six, located at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in Niigata Prefecture. He clarified that despite the alarm, the reactor remained stable and there was no radioactive impact outside the facility. Operations were halted as a precautionary measure while engineers investigate the cause of the incident.

Reactor number six had restarted, a day later than originally planned, after a malfunctioning alarm delayed the process. Its restart marked the first time any reactor at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant had been turned on since the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, which profoundly reshaped Japan's nuclear policy and public attitudes toward atomic energy.

Following the catastrophic 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, all 54 of Japan's nuclear reactors were shut down after a meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi plant. The disaster caused widespread radiation leaks and forced more than 150,000 people to evacuate their homes, many of whom have yet to return despite government assurances about safety.

The reactor was initially scheduled to restart and is expected to begin commercial operations next month, provided safety checks are completed. Tepco said it is currently investigating the cause of the alarm and has not given a timeline for when operations might resume.

The Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant once operated seven reactors, but its future capacity will be significantly reduced. Reactor number seven is not expected to restart until 2030, while the remaining five reactors may be decommissioned, leaving the facility operating far below its former output.

The restart of reactor number six had already drawn opposition from local residents citing safety concerns.

Trump to meet Zelensky as US envoy

KYIV

US President Donald Trump will meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Davos on Thursday as efforts intensify to end the Ukraine war. His envoy Steve Witkoff expressed optimism, saying talks have narrowed to one remaining, solvable issue. Witkoff is set to visit Moscow for discussions with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Though he did not specify the issue, recent negotiations have focused on the Donbas region, including proposals for a demilitarised free economic zone in exchange for security guarantees for Kyiv.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

Fill a 9×9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3×3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

AUSTRIA'S BIGGEST SPY TRIAL

Austrian ex-agent goes on trial in Russia spying case

SYDNEY

Former intelligence official Egisto Ott has gone on trial in Vienna on Thursday, accused of spying for Russia in what is being dubbed Austria's biggest spy trial in years.

Egisto Ott, 63, is charged with having handed over information to Russian intelligence officers and to Jan Marsalek, the fugitive executive of collapsed German payments firm Wirecard. Jan Marsalek, who is also an Austrian citizen, is wanted by German police for alleged fraud and is currently believed to be in Moscow, having fled via Austria in 2020. The subject of an Interpol Red Notice, he is alleged to be an intelligence asset for the FSB, Russia's secretive security service.

The spy scandal has revived fears that Austria remains a hotbed of Russian espionage activity and observers will also be watching closely for details that could emerge about Marsalek.

Prosecutors in Vienna say

Egisto Ott abused his authority as an Austrian intelligence official by collecting large amounts of personal data, such as locations, vehicle registration numbers, or travel movements.

They say he did this between 2015 and 2020 without authorisation, often using national and international police databases.

Prosecutors also charge him with supporting a secret intelligence service of the Russian Federation to the detriment of the Republic of Austria by collecting secret facts and a large amount of personal data from police databases between 2017 and 2021.

They say Egisto Ott gave this information to Jan Marsalek and unknown representatives of the Russian intelligence service, and received payment in return.

In 2022, prosecutors say, Jan Marsalek commissioned him to obtain a laptop containing secret electronic security hardware used by EU states for secure electronic communication. The laptop, they say, was handed over to the Russian intelligence service. He is also suspected, reports say, of having passed phone data from senior Austrian interior ministry officials to Russia.

QUICK READ

39.6L works done under JSJB for groundwater recharge

New Delhi

Over 39.6 lakh artificial groundwater recharge and storage works have been completed (as of January 22) under the catch-the-rain Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB), which was launched in September 2024, as per an official release. The initiative seeks to improve groundwater recharge through measures such as rainwater harvesting, aquifer recharge, borewell recharge, and recharge shafts. The master plan for artificial recharge promotes terrain-specific recharge techniques based on water availability. It also provides a broad outline for the construction of 1.42 crore rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge structures.

Industry leaders hail India as a promising growth hub

Davos

Industry leaders and investors from across Europe and beyond have expressed strong confidence in India's economic future, describing the country as one of the most attractive markets for global businesses. On the sidelines of the World Economic Forum, they highlighted India's large consumer base, stable political environment, rapid infra development and growing trust among international investors. Swiss Chamber president Satish Rao said India stands out as an exceptional market in today's global scenario. I strongly agree that in today's situation, India is an amazing market for global players for the following reasons, he mentioned.

Goa ties up with Starlink to enhance digital connectivity

Panaji

The government of Goa on Thursday announced signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Elon Musk-led Starlink Satellite Communications to strengthen digital infrastructure and connectivity across the state. Starlink's partnership with the Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (DITE&C) aims to explore advanced connectivity solutions to support digital inclusion, public infrastructure, coastal safety, and emergency response capabilities across the state. The Government of Goa is committed to harnessing technology to drive digital transformation and improve the lives of our citizens.

Indian aviation outlook stable despite FY26 loss, slowed growth

'The industry is expected to face a significant net loss of ₹ 170-180 bn in FY2026, the outlook remains stable because these "disruptions are expected to be temporary'

NEW DELHI

The outlook on the Indian aviation industry remains stable, supported by expectations of modest growth in domestic passenger traffic during FY2026, according to a report released by ICRA on Thursday. While the sector continues to face multiple operational and macroeconomic challenges, the rating agency believes these pressures are largely temporary and unlikely to derail the industry's medium-term growth trajectory.

Revised growth forecasts amid headwinds

ICRA has revised its forecast for domestic air passenger traffic growth in FY2026 to 0–3 per cent, projecting total traffic of around 165–170 million passengers. This marks a downward revision from its earlier estimate of 4–6 per cent year-on-year growth. The reassessment reflects a combination of adverse factors witnessed over the past year. These include cross-border escalations that led to flight disruptions and cancellations, a tragic aircraft accident in June 2025 that temporarily dampened passenger confidence, and weaker business travel demand amid headwinds stemming from US tariffs.

IndiGo disruption, FDTL impact

Operational disruptions also weighed on traffic volumes. In particular, significant flight cancellations by IndiGo between December 3 and December 8, 2025 resulted in approximately 4,500 cancelled flights, impacting overall domestic capacity and passenger movement during the period.

Despite these challenges, ICRA has retained its Stable outlook for the industry, noting that the disruptions are expected to be short-lived. The agency has kept its FY2027 domestic passenger traffic growth forecast unchanged at 6–8 per cent. However, due to the lower base anticipated in FY2026, the absolute passenger numbers for FY2027 are now projected at 175–182 million, compared to the earlier estimate of 179–186 million.

On the international front, ICRA has also revised its growth outlook for Indian carriers. International passenger traffic growth for FY2026 is now estimated at 7–9 per cent, down from the earlier projection of 13–15 per cent, reflecting a more cautious demand environment.

WEF to partner in Telangana's 'Rising 2047' vision

'The vision presented by Telangana opens up multiple avenues for mutual cooperation'.

HYDERABAD

The World Economic Forum has come forward to partner with the Telangana government in its ambitious Telangana Rising 2047 vision, which aims to transform the State into a $3 trillion economy.

The development follows a high-level interaction held on Thursday on the sidelines of the WEF 2026 annual meeting in Davos.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy met Jeremy Jurgens, Managing Director of the World Economic Forum, and Manju George, Head of Strategic Impact and Integration, C4IR Network, at the Telangana Pavilion. During the meeting, the Chief Minister presented the Telangana Rising 2047 vision document, outlining the roadmap and long-term strategy being implemented to achieve sustained and inclusive economic growth.

According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), Jeremy Jurgens said that the vision presented by Telangana opens up multiple avenues for mutual cooperation. He conveyed the WEF's interest in partnering with the State and being part of its long-term development journey, noting that Hyderabad possesses a strong and diverse talent base that can support innovation-led growth.

During the discussions, the Chief Minister also proposed hosting an annual follow-up World Economic Forum event in Telangana during July or August. The proposed platform would serve as a mid-year review mechanism to track progress on discussions and decisions taken at the WEF's annual January meeting. The Chief Minister pointed out that a one-year gap is too long in today's fast-evolving global business environment and that more frequent engagement would help sustain momentum.

The WEF delegation responded positively to the proposal, despite having received similar requests from several countries. Jeremy Jurgens informed the Chief Minister that the idea would be taken forward soon. He also referred to the successful example of the 'Summer Davos' held annually in China and noted that Saudi Arabia has also shown strong interest in hosting similar engagements.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of C4IR Telangana, which was launched in Hyderabad during BioAsia 2024. C4IR Telangana is the WEF's first thematic Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution in India focused on healthcare and life sciences. The centre aims to drive health-tech innovation, policy development, and workforce skilling through close collaboration with industry and academia.

Budget 2026 likely to maintain a strong focus on capex-led growth

MANDI

The Union government is likely to present Budget 2026 with a total expenditure of around Rs 53.5 trillion, capital expenditure growth of nearly 15 per cent and a fiscal deficit target of about 4.2 per cent of GDP, according to a report released on Thursday by OmniScience Capital.

The report projects that tax revenues will grow by nearly 10 per cent year-on-year in FY27, supported by an assumed nominal GDP growth of around 9 per cent. Non-tax receipts are also expected to rise close to 10 per cent, reflecting normalised dividend payouts and steady profitability of central public sector enterprises (CPSEs). Importantly, the estimates do not factor in any exceptional surplus transfers from the Reserve Bank of India, indicating a conservative revenue outlook.

On the borrowing front, the report expects government borrowings to increase modestly by about 3 per cent year-on-year. This would translate into a fiscal deficit of around 4.1–4.2 per cent of GDP in FY27, in line with the Centre's medium-term fiscal consolidation roadmap. The projected deficit level suggests continued commitment to balancing growth imperatives with macroeconomic stability.

Highlighting a significant shift in fiscal strategy, the report noted a structural transformation in successive Union Budgets over the past decade. Capital expenditure has risen sharply from about 20 per cent of total budgetary spending in FY16 to over 30.6 per cent in FY26, underscoring a decisive move towards asset creation and long-term growth.

Capital expenditure has recorded a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of nearly 15 per cent over the past 10 years, significantly outpacing revenue expenditure growth of 8.8 per cent. This divergence reflects a sustained policy focus on infrastructure development, productivity enhancement and crowding in of private investment, rather than a consumption-driven fiscal expansion.

The projected capex numbers include grants for capital assets, with total public capital expenditure estimated at around Rs 17 lakh crore in FY27. This scale of investment reinforces the government's infrastructure-led growth strategy, which has been central to boosting economic capacity and employment generation.

Air India faces record $1.6 billion loss

NEW DELHI

Air India is set to report a massive loss of around ₹15,000 crore ($1.6 billion) for FY26, sources say. The airline's struggles grew after the June 2025 Ahmedabad plane crash that killed over 240 people and Pakistan closing its airspace, forcing longer flights.

Before these events, the airline was close to breaking even. Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines are seeking faster recovery plans. With losses totaling ₹32,210 crore in three years, a new CEO may be appointed after the crash report. Travelers feel the impact of delays and anxiety.

NBFCs' AUM to cross K4L crore by FY2

NEW DELHI

Assets under management (AUM) of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) specialising in gold loans is set to register a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 40 per cent between this fiscal and next, surpassing Rs 4 lakh crore by March 2027, a Crisil Ratings report showed on Thursday.

According to the report, the surge will be driven by elevated gold prices, a shift towards secured credit and an evolved regulatory environment, outpacing the CAGR of 27 per cent clocked between fiscals 2023 and 2025.

Large gold-loan NBFCs, having an established brand image, are scaling up their portfolio across existing branches. Meanwhile, their mid-sized counterparts are adopting a dual strategy of expanding their branch network as well as operating as originating partners for large NBFCs and banks, said Aparna Kirubakaran, Director, Crisil Ratings.

These efforts, combined with strong demand amid elevated gold prices, have boosted business per branch for gold-loan focused NBFCs by 40 per cent over the last two fiscals. Their average AUM per branch stood at Rs 14 crore in the first six months of this fiscal compared to Rs 10 crore in fiscal 2024, Kirubakaran said.

Gold prices have soared 68 per cent in the first nine months of this fiscal to an all-time high. This enhances collateral values, enabling lenders to scale up disbursements. Furthermore, amid limited availability of credit from segments such as unsecured lending, borrowers are looking out for other sources of funding.

To capitalise on these lending opportunities, gold-loan NBFCs have been expanding their market presence, despite stiff competition from Banks, said the report.

Kerala CM to kick start Vizhinjam port phase-2 devpt work on Jan 24

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala is set to accelerate its maritime ambitions with the launch of Phase-2 construction of Adani Group's Vizhinjam International Deepwater Seaport on Friday, marking a decisive step towards positioning the port as India's largest transshipment hub. The development programme, involving an investment of Rs 9,700 crore, will be formally inaugurated by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, said State Ports Minister V.N. Vasavan on Thursday.

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal will attend the event as the chief guest, underscoring the Centre's strategic interest in the project.

Minister Vasavan said the second phase represents a critical scale-up of capacity, infrastructure and global competitiveness for Vizhinjam, which began commercial operations barely a year ago. Under Phase-2, Vizhinjam's container handling capacity will expand five-fold -- from one million TEUs to five million TEUs annually.

Berth length will be increased from the existing 800 metres to 2,000 metres, and the breakwater will be extended to four kilometres, enabling the port to handle multiple ultra-large container vessels simultaneously.

Once completed, Vizhinjam will become India's largest straight-berth port, capable of accommodating four mother ships at a time. New infrastructure planned in this phase includes a railway yard, a multi-purpose berth, a liquid terminal and a tank farm. The liquid terminal, in particular, is expected to give Vizhinjam a competitive edge by allowing large vessels to refuel during long international voyages, currently available only at select global ports.

Given Vizhinjam's proximity to major East-West shipping lanes, the facility is expected to attract significant additional traffic and generate substantial tax revenues for the state.

Vasavan said a major advantage of the Phase-2 expansion is that it will not require additional land acquisition. Around 55 hectares will be created through sea reclamation, while container yard capacity will rise from 35,000 units to 1,00,000 units. The total number of cranes will increase to 100, including 30 ship-to-shore cranes.

GROWING TRUST

India's growth story wins global trust at Davos: Vaishnaw

DAVOS

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday said that global confidence in Bharat is growing steadily, with leading international companies and investors expressing strong interest in expanding their engagement with India during the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Speaking about a series of high-level meetings held on the sidelines of the WEF in Davos, the minister said India's development journey, reform-driven growth model and focus on building future-ready infrastructure are drawing sustained attention from global industry leaders. According to him, discussions at Davos reflected a growing perception of India as a trusted and reliable partner in global value chains.

Highlighting key corporate engagements, Vaishnaw said global logistics major Maersk is actively working with India to strengthen logistics infrastructure across shipping, ports and railways. He noted that efficient logistics is critical for India's ambition to become a global manufacturing hub and enhance supply chain resilience.

The minister added that discussions also covered cooperation in semiconductor-related materials, an area considered vital for India's long-term manufacturing and technology roadmap. Strengthening capabilities in this segment aligns with the country's push to reduce import dependence and build a robust electronics ecosystem.

Vaishnaw further said that US-based technology firm Honeywell is partnering with India in railway modernisation and has shown keen interest in expanding its manufacturing footprint in the country.

He observed that such collaborations directly support India's drive for advanced manufacturing and improved public infrastructure under the Make in India initiative.

Investor interest was also evident from discussions with Temasek. Vaishnaw said Temasek Chairman Teo Chee Hean expressed a clear desire to expand Temasek's presence in India.

He added that Singapore remains committed to investing in India's physical and digital infrastructure, as well as in deep-tech startups, signalling long-term confidence in India's economic fundamentals.

'Accessibility, affordability key for women's health goals'

NEW DELHI

Improving accessibility, affordability, and tailoring treatment and diagnostics to women's needs are some of the crucial measures to closing the health gap for the fairer sex by 2030, said experts at the ongoing World Economic Forum 2026 in Davos. Women spend 25 per cent more of their lives in poorer health than men due to delayed diagnoses and limited access to appropriate care.

At a session titled Breakthroughs in women's health, the experts highlighted how insufficient investment in sex-specific research and innovation for women results in preventable mortality, morbidity, and loss of economic potential -- estimated to be $1 trillion globally.

The panel unanimously pointed out that the focus needs to be on the human side of implementation.

The greatest innovations are the ones that will end up being accessible, affordable, and used by women around the world, said Gargee Ghosh Chasin, President, Global Policy and Advocacy, Gates Foundation.

RCB hesitant over Chinnaswamy return, flags unresolved 'grey areas'

Franchise seeks clarity on safety conditions despite govt's conditional clearance

BENGALURU

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) have expressed reluctance to play their IPL 2026 home matches at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, citing unresolved "grey areas" even as the Karnataka government has given conditional approval for hosting matches at the venue.

Addressing the media, Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) president Venkatesh Prasad acknowledged that the franchise harboured apprehensions about playing in Bengaluru. While Prasad did not spell out the exact concerns, he said KSCA had taken several steps to meet the conditions laid down by the state authorities following recent safety reviews.

Soon after, RCB released a statement clarifying their position. The franchise said that while their preference has always been to play at their home ground in front of their passionate supporters, they wanted greater clarity on the conditions imposed and the measures being implemented to ensure spectator safety.

"From our preliminary conversations, there are still a few grey areas that need to be looked into," the statement said, adding that RCB was evaluating inputs from all stakeholders before arriving at a "responsible decision" for the team and fans. The franchise reportedly has Mumbai and Raipur as alternate venues for their home fixtures.

Prasad, however, urged RCB to engage proactively with the state government, stressing that the onus now lay with the franchise. "So far, it has been one-sided. RCB must take the dialogue forward and play here rather than take the game away from Bengaluru," he said, pointing out that the franchise had grown largely due to the city's support.

The renewed scrutiny follows the June 4 stampede during RCB's victory celebrations, which left 11 people dead. An expert committee formed under Greater Bengaluru Authority chairman Maheshwar Rao has since recommended extensive safety upgrades.

KSCA has initiated structural changes at the stadium, including restricting entry gates, creating additional holding areas, and adding ramps and lifts to manage crowd flow. The state Home Department has allowed matches to be hosted, provided all conditions are met within a stipulated timeframe.

Gate widening to holding areas, KSCA goes full steam

BENGALURU

Association fast-tracks safety upgrades to meet D'Cunha panel's short-term recommendations.

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) has gone full steam ahead with extensive structural and logistical changes at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium as part of efforts to comply with short-term recommendations made by the Justice Michael D'Cunha inquiry panel.

Following the June 4 stampede during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's victory celebrations, which left 11 fans dead and several injured, the state government had imposed a blanket ban on hosting high-profile matches at the venue. After multiple rounds of discussions with the Expert Committee appointed by the Home Department, KSCA secured conditional permission last week to stage IPL and international matches.

Gate widening, creation of holding areas, separate queues for women and children, ramps and lifts, and even free Metro travel for match-ticket holders are among the measures being implemented. KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad said widening gates and creating space for emergency vehicles were critical. "Facilitating the entry of fire engines inside the ground was essential, which is why widening of a few stands became necessary," he told reporters.

Prasad said KSCA had submitted a detailed booklet of 3D drawings, timelines and plans to the government, which eventually led to conditional clearance. The association has set itself a February-end deadline to complete the short-term works.

KSCA secretary Santosh Menon said police had suggested flat holding areas to prevent spectators from tripping and triggering panic situations. "There will be just two gates on Queen's Road, each with a minimum six-metre width, to ease entry and reduce traffic congestion," he said, adding that the stadium will have around 12 entry gates in total, besides dedicated service gates for fire and police vehicles.

While a full renovation budget is yet to be finalised, gate widening alone is expected to cost around ₹1.5 crore. Some trees within the premises may also be felled, for which permission has been sought from the Forest Department.

Fire safety upgrades are nearing completion, with water storage capacity being enhanced. KSCA is also considering digitising ticketing to eliminate counter rush and curb black-market sales, with demolished ticket counters making way for paperless entry in the future.

'Pitted against my own': Gambhir reacts to Tharoor praise

NEW DELHI

India men's cricket team head coach Gautam Gambhir has issued a pointed response amid mounting criticism of his tenure, reacting to Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's public show of support that described him as "the man with the hardest job in India after the PM's".

Tharoor's remarks came in the wake of India's recent ODI series defeat at home against New Zealand, a result that intensified scrutiny of Gambhir's leadership and decision-making. In a post on X, Tharoor said he had enjoyed a "good and frank discussion" with his "old friend" Gambhir in Nagpur, praising his "quiet determination and able leadership" while noting that the former opener was being "second-guessed by millions daily". Gambhir responded without naming any individual, but his message appeared to allude to the criticism and speculation surrounding his role within the team setup. "When the dust settles, truth & logic about a coach's supposedly 'unlimited authority' will become clear. Till then I'm amused at being pitted against my own who are the very best!" he wrote. Though Gambhir did not elaborate further, the comment is widely interpreted as a reference to rumours linking him to the decision to remove Rohit Sharma from the ODI captaincy and suggestions of a rift with senior players in the dressing room.

Association resets calendar, ends incomplete 2024–25 season to avoid overlaps

KSCA to scrap unfinished leagues, begin new domestic season from April

BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) has decided to formally end the incomplete 2024–25 domestic season and restart all cricketing activities with a fresh season beginning April 15.

KSCA secretary Santosh Menon said the decision was taken after consultations with former cricketers and members of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC). "We have decided to cease all cricketing activities of last season, including the academy work and the tournaments, and we start afresh from April," Menon said.

The 2024–25 season had remained unfinished due to reasons the association chose not to elaborate on. Menon described the move as a "very conscious call", supported by the CAC and several former players backing the current administration. The CAC comprises Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Sunil Joshi, Vijay Bharadwaj and Jayashree Doraiswamy.

KSCA's domestic season traditionally begins in early April, but the prolonged delay last year forced the association to take a reset approach. By drawing a line under the pending season, KSCA aims to ensure smoother scheduling and avoid congestion later in the year.

Between March 1 and April 15, the association will focus on backend preparations rather than competitive matches. This period will be used to ready grounds and pitches across the state, conduct refresher courses for umpires, scorers and video analysts, and organise training programmes for curators.

Menon said the committee has assured the association that the revamped calendar will be strictly followed. "The assurance from this committee is that all tournaments — Group I and Group II, men and women — will be completed well in time, by around September 30," he said.

Completing the state tournaments by the end of September will ensure that KSCA's domestic season does not clash with the BCCI's national calendar, a concern that has affected player availability in recent years.

The association believes the decision to start afresh, though tough, will bring clarity and stability to Karnataka's domestic cricket structure going forward.

Dhoni applauds RCB's maiden IPL triumph, salutes fans' unwavering loyalty

NEW DELHI

CSK legend congratulates Bengaluru franchise, praises supporters after historic title win.

Former India captain MS Dhoni has congratulated Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on winning their first Indian Premier League (IPL) title, ending an 18-year wait, while also lauding the franchise's fans for their unwavering support through years of near-misses and heartbreak.

Speaking at an IndiGo event, the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) icon admitted that his competitive instincts made it difficult to imagine any rival lifting the trophy, but said RCB's triumph was well deserved. "If I'm part of CSK, I can't imagine any other team winning the IPL. But it was long-awaited and they played very well. Big congratulations to them," Dhoni said.

The five-time IPL-winning skipper also reserved special praise for RCB's loyal fan base, widely regarded as one of the most passionate in the league. "RCB fans have been brilliant. Every time there is a game, they come and support their team, even when the chips are down," he added, acknowledging the backing the side received despite years without silverware.

Dhoni's comments came after a contrasting 2025 season for CSK, who finished last in the standings. The 44-year-old took over the captaincy midway through the campaign after Ruturaj Gaikwad was sidelined with injury, and said the focus was now on learning from setbacks. "When you are a participant, you want your team to win. It doesn't always work in your favour, but what went wrong and what can we learn from the other teams — that is crucial," he said.

The remarks quickly went viral on social media, with fans applauding Dhoni's sportsmanship and candid assessment. RCB also shared the video clip across their official platforms.

RCB clinched their maiden IPL crown by defeating Punjab Kings by six runs in a tense final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on June 3, 2025. Led by Rajat Patidar, the franchise ended a 17-year title drought and memorably beat arch-rivals CSK twice in the same season for the first time in IPL history.

Pak offers to host B'desh T20 WC matches amid impasse

NEW DELHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has formally offered to host all of Bangladesh's matches in the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup, throwing its weight behind the Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) refusal to play fixtures in India over security concerns.

In an official email to the International Cricket Council (ICC), the PCB supported Bangladesh's position and urged the global body to consider an alternative arrangement. According to a PCB source, Pakistan said Bangladesh's demand was "justified" and added that if shifting the matches to Sri Lanka posed logistical challenges, Pakistan was willing to stage all of Bangladesh's games.

While the PCB has not issued a public statement, reports suggest the Bangladesh government has reached out to Pakistan seeking support at the ICC level. Pakistan themselves are currently playing all their international matches in Sri Lanka under a hybrid model agreed upon with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the ICC, a framework that will remain in place until 2027.

As per the original schedule, Bangladesh are slated to play all four of their group-stage matches in India — the first three in Kolkata and the final fixture in Mumbai. However, the ICC on Wednesday rejected Bangladesh's request to move the matches to Sri Lanka and issued the BCB an ultimatum, granting them 24 more hours to confirm whether the team would travel to India.

The decision followed an ICC Board meeting held via video conference, where 14 of the 16 member boards voted against altering the tournament schedule. With the T20 World Cup less than three weeks away, the ICC has insisted that the event proceed as planned.

Despite the ruling, the BCB has remained firm, reiterating that it cannot send its team to India. The standoff was triggered after the BCCI asked Kolkata Knight Riders to release Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman from the IPL citing "recent developments". In response, Bangladesh banned IPL broadcasts domestically and formally informed the ICC of its decision not to play World Cup matches in India.

Bangladesh to boycott T20 World Cup over unresolved security concerns

DUBAI

Bangladesh has officially decided to boycott the upcoming T20 World Cup after a high-level meeting, citing ongoing security concerns in India. Youth and Sports Advisor Asif Nazrul stated that the country was keen to participate only if the tournament were held in Sri Lanka.

"We all wanted to play in the World Cup. However, the security threat in India has not diminished. The ICC has not taken a firm stance on the core issue and has only reiterated its standard security protocols. We are still hopeful that the ICC will find a solution," Nazrul said.

He confirmed that the decision is final. "There is no scope to change our decision. We believe we have not received justice from the ICC, though we continue to hope that the ICC will do justice to us," he added.

Nazrul emphasized that the concerns are based on real incidents. "The security situation in India remains unchanged. Our concerns did not arise out of thin air; they stem from a real incident. The country could not ensure the security of one of our cricketers. In India, the cricket board is an extension of the government, which either failed or was unwilling to protect one of our players when extremist groups applied pressure," he said.

Scotland, the highest-ranked team that narrowly missed qualification, is expected to replace Bangladesh. The move has historical precedent, as Scotland replaced Zimbabwe in the 2009 World T20 after Zimbabwe's withdrawal.

Earlier, Bangladesh captain Litton Das revealed players were not consulted before the decision. "I don't know. No one has spoken to me," Das said when asked if the board had discussed the matter with him.

The development comes as a major blow to cricket fans in Bangladesh, who had hoped to see their team compete on the world stage in India. The ICC is expected to announce Scotland as the replacement soon.

Former Indian cricketer Atul Wassan supported the ICC's decision to host Bangladesh's T20 World Cup matches in India, calling it correct. He suggested Bangladesh's absence won't impact cricket, claiming they're not strong contenders, and accused them of "sulking" over Mustafizur Rahman's IPL 2026 KKR removal following BCCI directives on minority issues.

Former India defender, East Bengal great Ilyas Pasha no more

Pasha remembered for composure, trophies and lasting contribution to Indian football

NEW DELHI

Former India and East Bengal defender Ilyas Pasha passed away on Thursday after a prolonged illness, leaving behind a rich legacy in Indian football. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) condoled the death of Pasha, widely regarded as one of the finest footballers to emerge from Karnataka. A soft-spoken yet fiercely committed professional, Pasha built a distinguished career in defence, a role that demanded discipline, resilience and calm under pressure.

Primarily operating as a right wing-back, Pasha was admired for his impeccable timing, intelligent positioning and ability to read the game. Rarely flustered, his well-judged tackles and tactical awareness often neutralised opposing attackers and provided reassurance to goalkeepers behind him.

Pasha made his senior India debut on January 27, 1987, against Bulgaria in the Nehru Cup at Kozhikode. He earned eight international caps, representing the country in the Nehru Cup (1987 and 1991), the 1991 SAF Games and the 1992 Asian Cup qualifiers.

He began his football journey at Vinayaka FC in north Bengaluru before moving to Indian Telephone Industries in the mid-1980s, where his consistent performances brought him national recognition. He later represented Karnataka in the Santosh Trophy and also won the title twice with Bengal, in 1993 and 1995.

Pasha's club career reached iconic heights after he joined East Bengal in the early 1990s. Over more than a decade with the Red and Gold Brigade, he won 28 trophies, including five Calcutta Football League titles, five IFA Shields and four Durand Cups. He captained the side in the 1993–94 season and was a trusted leader under legendary coach Subhas Bhowmick.

He was part of East Bengal's famed triple crown-winning team in 1990 and led the club to its first international title at the Wai Wai Cup in Kathmandu in 1993. In recognition of his immense contribution, East Bengal honoured him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

The AIFF said Indian football mourns the loss of a defender remembered for rare composure, consistency and exemplary service to the game.

Real Madrid top football rich list as Liverpool leapfrog English rivals

LONDON

Deloitte Money League shows revenue surge as commercial growth reshapes European football.

Real Madrid retained their position at the summit of world football's rich list, while Liverpool emerged as the highest-earning English club for the first time, according to Deloitte's latest Money League report released on Thursday.

Despite failing to win a major trophy in the 2024–25 season, the Spanish giants generated close to €1.2 billion in revenue, underlining the financial strength of their revamped Santiago Bernabeu. The stadium's transformation into a multi-purpose venue continues to pay off handsomely, with Madrid's €594 million in commercial revenue alone enough to secure a top-10 ranking.

Barcelona climbed back to second place with revenues of €975 million, even though delays in the redevelopment of Camp Nou forced the club to play the entire season away from home. Bayern Munich were third with €861 million, narrowly ahead of Paris Saint-Germain, whose income was boosted by winning the Champions League for the first time.

The Premier League dominated the remainder of the top 10, with Liverpool leading the English contingent. An expanded Anfield, a return to the Champions League and winning the Premier League title propelled the Reds' revenue to €836 million, allowing them to outstrip domestic rivals.

Manchester City slipped from second to sixth after an early Champions League exit and a third-place league finish, while Manchester United dropped to eighth, behind Arsenal, after missing out on Champions League football and enduring a disappointing 15th-place league finish.

Overall, the 20 highest-earning European clubs reported an 11 percent rise in revenues to €12.4 billion. Deloitte Sports Business Group lead partner Tim Bridge said clubs are increasingly focusing on commercial growth as broadcast revenues plateau. "There is a pivotal shift in business models, with greater emphasis on maximising brand power and stadium assets," he said.

The expanded 32-team Club World Cup also had an impact, lifting Bayern into the top three for the first time since 2020–21. Benfica, in 19th place, became the first club outside Europe's traditional "big five" leagues to feature in four years.

Top Pakistan cricketers fall prey to alleged Rs 1 billion Ponzi scam

KARACHI

Several leading Pakistan cricketers, including former captain Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan and fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi, have allegedly been duped in a large-scale Ponzi scheme involving more than Rs 1 billion, sources said on Thursday. Around a dozen current players and a former Test captain reportedly invested significant sums with a local businessman who initially paid returns before abruptly stopping payments. The individual has since allegedly left the country. Many players invested personal savings as well as funds belonging to relatives and close associates. The Pakistan Cricket Board is understood to be examining the matter.

Clubs surge as Bayern advance and Barcelona stay alive

MANCHESTER

Premier League clubs strengthened their grip on the UEFA Champions League as Liverpool, Newcastle United and Chelsea moved into strong positions to qualify for the round of 16, while Bayern Munich confirmed their progress and Barcelona kept their hopes alive with an away win.

With one round of league-phase matches remaining, five English clubs are on course for advancement. Arsenal have already sealed qualification and sit top of the standings. Wins on Wednesday lifted Liverpool, Newcastle and Chelsea into the top-eight automatic qualifying places, with Tottenham currently fifth. Manchester City remain the only English side sitting in the play-off zone.

Liverpool climbed to fourth after a commanding 3-0 victory at Marseille, while Newcastle recorded an identical scoreline against PSV Eindhoven at St James' Park. Chelsea edged past Pafos 1-0 to stay in contention. "Let's make sure we're in the top eight. We've put ourselves in a good position," Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk said.

Bayern Munich confirmed their place in the round of 16 by moving second in the table following a 2-0 win over Union Saint-Gilloise. England captain Harry Kane scored twice in quick succession in the second half, taking his tally to 36 goals for the season, though he narrowly missed a hat-trick when his penalty struck the crossbar.

Barcelona, meanwhile, climbed to ninth after a thrilling 4-2 comeback win at Slavia Prague but remain at risk of having to navigate the playoffs. Fermin Lopez starred with two goals, while substitutes Dan Olmo and Robert Lewandowski added to the scoring.

With just three points separating third-placed Real Madrid and Juventus in 15th, the final round promises high drama. Only the top eight qualify automatically, while teams placed ninth to 24th enter playoffs.

Key fixtures loom, including Napoli hosting Chelsea, Paris Saint-Germain welcoming Newcastle, and Manchester City facing Galatasaray, ensuring a tense finish before the knockout stages begin.

Messi's Kochi visit in March faces fresh doubts

KOCHI

Uncertainty continues to cloud the much-anticipated visit of Lionel Messi-led Argentina to Kochi, with no official confirmation yet on the proposed international friendly match slated for March. The lack of clarity has reignited doubts among fans and authorities alike, months after the originally scheduled November 25 fixture was called off.

The event's sponsor, Reporter Broadcasting Corporation (RBC), has said it cannot yet guarantee that the reigning world champions will arrive during the March international window, despite earlier publicity suggesting otherwise. RBC managing director Anto Augustine said the company does have an agreement in place with the Argentina Football Association (AFA), but repeated changes in dates have complicated matters.

"The schedule has kept shifting — first October, then November, and now March. We are not in a position to officially confirm the visit yet," Mr. Augustine said, adding that RBC is awaiting a response from the AFA and hopes an announcement could be made by January 31.

The Greater Cochin Development Authority (GCDA), owner of the Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium, also said it has no clear information on whether the high-profile match will eventually take place. The authority had earlier come under criticism for allotting the stadium for the event, allegedly without following due process. GCDA officials said RBC is still in discussions with the AFA and that no formal communication has been received confirming the March visit.

After the November fixture against Australia was cancelled in October, RBC handed back the stadium to GCDA on November 28. While renovation work was initially expected to be completed by December 20, some minor works are still pending. GCDA sources said upgrades to dressing rooms, player facilities, toilets and the playing turf have been completed to international standards, while resurfacing of the parking area and a short stretch of the compound wall remain unfinished.

Floodlight upgrades using new LED fittings have also been planned, subject to the match going ahead. According to RBC, nearly ₹40 crore has already been spent on renovations, though GCDA said the work is currently being evaluated by an expert committee.

With no official word yet, fans in Kerala continue to wait anxiously for clarity on whether their long-cherished Messi dream will finally materialise.

Serbian legend closes in on historic milestone with dominant straight-sets victory

Djokovic's 399th Grand Slam win powers him into Aus Open 3rd round

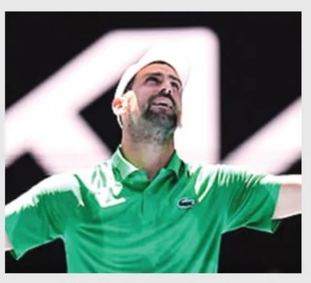
MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic moved to the brink of another piece of tennis history after registering his 399th Grand Slam singles match win, cruising into the third round of the Australian Open with a commanding 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Italy's Francesco Maestrelli on Thursday.

The 38-year-old Serbian, chasing a record-extending 11th Australian Open title and an unprecedented 25th Grand Slam crown, was rarely troubled despite dropping his first service game of the tournament in the third set. That brief lapse only seemed to sharpen his focus, as Djokovic responded immediately by breaking Maestrelli at love in the very next game.

The decisive moment came in the sixth game of the third set, when Djokovic followed a second serve to the net and missed a routine volley to surrender serve. True to his perfectionist nature, he wasted no time in restoring order, reasserting his control with relentless baseline accuracy and clinical returning.

Ranked No. 141, Maestrelli was playing just his second Grand Slam main-draw match after coming through qualifying. Djokovic acknowledged the Italian's potential afterward, praising his powerful serve and aggressive game, while noting the youngster's lack of experience on the biggest stage.



With the win, Djokovic now sits just one victory away from becoming the first player in history to reach 400 Grand Slam singles match wins. He will face Botic van de Zandschulp in the third round after the Dutchman defeated Shang Juncheng in four sets.

Djokovic's efficiency and physical sharpness have stood out in the opening rounds, reinforcing his status as the man to beat at Melbourne Park. Having dropped just one service game so far, the Serbian appears to be building momentum with each outing.

Federer's smooth golf swing in Melbourne leaves Alcaraz impressed

MELBOURNE

Carlos Alcaraz has long admired Roger Federer's grace on the tennis court, but the young Spaniard discovered in Melbourne that the Swiss maestro's elegance extends just as seamlessly to the golf course.

During the Australian Open, Alcaraz enjoyed a round of golf with Federer and was left thoroughly impressed by how naturally the 20-time Grand Slam champion has adapted to the sport since retiring from professional tennis in 2022. Speaking after defeating Yannick Hanfmann to reach the third round, Alcaraz could not hide his admiration.

"It's as beautiful as his tennis," Alcaraz said of Federer's golf swing. "I'm not surprised. Everything he does, he does in style. On the golf course, it's a really beautiful swing. He plays really good."

Alcaraz himself is an avid golfer and often squeezes in rounds during major tournaments. His fondness for the sport was evident during his U.S. Open triumph last year, when he celebrated key moments with playful golf-swing gestures. Even so, the 22-year-old admitted Federer has progressed at a remarkable pace.

"I think he has been playing for two years now and his level is really good," Alcaraz said. "I've been playing five and he's already beating me. It hurts, yeah."

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Yuki Bhambri bows out in first round of mixed doubles

MELBOURNE

India's Yuki Bhambri suffered a first-round exit in the mixed doubles competition at the Australian Open after he and American partner Nicole Melichar-Martinez went down to the sixth-seeded German-Chinese pair of Tim Putz and Zhang Shuai on Thursday.

Bhambri and Melichar-Martinez lost 6-3, 1-6, 10-6 in the match tie-break in a contest that swung momentum both ways. The Indo-American duo took the opening set comfortably but were unable to maintain the pressure as Putz and Shuai raised their level in the second set and held their nerve in the deciding tie-break.

Despite the early exit from the mixed doubles, Bhambri's campaign at the year's first Grand Slam is not over yet. The 33-year-old remains in contention in the men's doubles event, where he has shown encouraging form.

On Wednesday, Bhambri and his Swedish partner Andre Goransson advanced to the second round after defeating Australian wildcards James Duckworth and Cruz Hewitt 6-3, 6-4. The pair looked composed throughout the match, breaking serve at key moments to secure a straight-sets victory.

Bhambri's best performance at the Australian Open came in 2014, when he reached the third round of the men's doubles alongside New Zealand's Michael Venus. His strongest showing at any Grand Slam, however, came more recently at the US Open last year, where the duo enjoyed an impressive run to the semi-finals.

Elsewhere, India's challenge in the men's doubles suffered another setback as Niki Poonacha and his Thai partner Pruchya Isaro exited the tournament. The pair went down in straight sets to Spanish duo Pedro Martinez and Jaume Munar. With his mixed doubles run over, Bhambri will now turn his full focus to the men's doubles, hoping to build on his positive start and extend his stay in Melbourne Park.

PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen storm into Indonesia Masters quarterfinals

JAKARTA

India's top badminton stars P V Sindhu and Lakshya Sen continued their impressive run at the Indonesia Masters, advancing to the quarterfinals with commanding straight-game victories in their respective round-of-16 matches on Thursday.

Lakshya delivered a clinical performance against Hong Kong China's Jason Gunawan, wrapping up a dominant 21-10, 21-11 win in just over 30 minutes. The Indian shuttler was in complete control throughout the contest, using sharp court coverage and precise shot placement to keep his opponent under constant pressure. Lakshya's aggressive approach paid dividends as he raced through both games without allowing Gunawan any opportunity to settle. Earlier in the day, Sindhu showcased her experience and composure to overcome Denmark's Line Hojmark Kjaerfeldt 21-19, 21-18 in a closely contested pre-quarterfinal that lasted 43 minutes. The two-time Olympic medallist relied on her strong defense and timely attacking strokes to edge past the Dane in both games, especially during the crucial closing stages.

Title and poster of Tiklu Rama released

The title and poster of the film 'Tiklu Rama', which makes you laugh even in its name, were unveiled in front of a packed audience at MMB Legacy on the auspicious day of Makara Sankranti. Shruti.GB and Komal Nataraju are jointly producing under the banner of Karishma-Shryavya Combines. Manjukavi has written the screenplay and is narrating the action cut. The one-minute title teaser caught the attention. Dr. Rajkumar's grandson Shanmuga Govindaraj and producer C.S. Venkatesh were present on the occasion.

The cast includes Dr.Rajveer, Sangeetha, Mitra, Bhagyashree, Shruti.B, Govindegowda, Vinod Gobbargal, Suchendra Prasad, Mandya Siddu, Pavithra and many other artists. The background music is by Vinu Manasu, cinematography is by Raj Kadur-Nagarajamurthy, editing is by Venky.UDV, adventure is by Ultimate Shiva, and dance is by Jaggu. By the way, the motion poster has been released by MK Audio.

As the director says, Chetan sir is proof that he is a supporter of society. The first half will be a village story, and the second half will take the audience to another world. Wherever animals are needed, there will be scenes that will make it feel like seeing real animals using good technique. Hassan, there are plans to shoot in fertile green places. For the first time in history, Tiklu Rama's association with animals is being depicted in a way that attracts the attention of the audience. Manjukavi informed that it is a family film that can be watched by children to the elderly.

In childhood, Buddha was called a madman and Swami Vivekananda was called Pagal Bille, but later he became a role model for the country. This name was given due to his inspiration. The film will have environmental, social concerns, and situations where women who run a family live together. If they are silent, they are Rama, if they hold an axe, they are Tiklu Rama. Bloodshed will not be glorified like that. The hero Dr. Raj Veer said that I have recorded the incidents that I have heard and seen in the story.

Mahesh Babu Praises Namrata Shirodkar On Birthday

Telugu film star Mahesh Babu shared a warm and heartfelt birthday message for his wife, Namrata Shirodkar, expressing gratitude for her love and strength in holding their family together. Posting a beautiful picture of Namrata from Tuscany, Italy, on Instagram, the actor affectionately called her "NSG" and wrote that he could not have asked for more in life. The simple yet touching message quickly won hearts across social media, drawing love from fans and colleagues alike.

Their children, Gautham and Sithara, also posted emotional wishes. Gautham thanked his mother for her guidance, calling her the best mom ever, while Sithara described Namrata as her constant support, compass, and home. Namrata's sister, actress Shilpa Shirodkar, marked the occasion with nostalgic pictures and a loving note. Turning 54, Namrata remains the family's pillar of strength. Mahesh Babu and Namrata recently celebrated twenty years of marriage, reflecting their enduring bond.

Nandan Pavaskar Wins Prestigious Mr. North Karnataka 2026

Mr. Nandan Pavaskar emerged as the Winner of the prestigious Mr. North Karnataka 2026 title, securing the coveted winning trophy. He impressed the jury with his confident ramp walk, strong physique, commanding stage presence, and overall personality.

The grand modelling event, Mr. North Karnataka, was professionally organized by Glamify

Studio by RM Production on January 11 at UK 27 Hotel, Belgaum. The show witnessed participation from talented aspiring models across North Karnataka and was attended by notable personalities from the fashion industry.

The event was widely appreciated for its high professional standards and for providing a strong platform to emerging talent, further strengthening the modelling and fashion culture in Belgaum, Goa and all over Karnataka.

My son Nandan is a very hardworking and disciplined person. He has been extremely dedicated to his workouts and follows a strict diet with full commitment. Seeing his passion, focus, and determination pay off today makes me feel very proud as a mother. This achievement is the result of his consistency, sacrifices, and belief in himself.

— Anjali Pavaskar, Mother of Nandan Pavaskar

Nayanthara

Calls Rani Mukerji Queen After Mardaani 3 Trailer

The trailer of Mardaani 3 has received strong praise from film lovers and celebrities alike. Actress Nayanthara became the latest star to applaud Rani Mukerji after watching the powerful trailer. She shared it on her Instagram stories and called Rani the one and only queen, saying the trailer was absolute fire.

Nayanthara expressed her excitement for the film and said there is truly no one like Rani Mukerji. Her message quickly caught attention, adding to the growing appreciation for the film.

Mardaani 3 is the third part of the popular cop series led by Rani Mukerji. She once again plays fearless police officer Shivani Shivaji Roy. The trailer presents a dark and serious story focused on crime, missing girls, and deep emotional pain. Many viewers said the scenes felt real, intense, and disturbing in a meaningful way.

Speaking recently about the film, Rani Mukerji said the story is emotionally heavy. She explained that the trauma shown affects the actors too, as the events are inspired by real life cases. Rani said thinking about missing girls and their families is deeply painful.

She added that she had to control her emotions while acting. According to her, becoming too emotional would have affected her performance. Rani also explained why she chooses such strong subjects.

She said films like Mardaani are meant to shake people and remind them that such crimes happen around us. Directed by Abhiraj Minawala, Mardaani 3 is scheduled to release in cinemas on January 30, 2026.

'The Abandons' And 'Vince Staples Show' Cancelled By Netflix

Netflix has decided to cancel two of its original series, The Abandons and The Vince Staples Show, leaving fans disappointed. Reports confirm that neither show will return for additional seasons after their recent runs on the platform.

The Abandons was a Western drama set in the 1850s, starring Lena Headey and Gillian Anderson in key roles. The story followed an Irish woman living with a chosen family of four adult orphans, whose lives are threatened when a powerful silver mine owner attempts to take over their land. Created by Sons of Anarchy creator Kurt Sutter, the series premiered in December and gained attention for its strong cast and setting.

However, the show faced major behind-the-scenes challenges when Sutter exited the project due to creative differences shortly before filming concluded. Despite viewer interest, Netflix chose to end the series after one season.

The Vince Staples Show, which debuted in 2024, has also been cancelled. The comedy starred rapper Vince Staples as a fictionalized version of himself, offering a surreal look at life in Long Beach. Although initially renewed for a second season, the decision was later reversed.

Avantika Mohan

Responds Witty To Marriage Proposals Online

Actress Avantika Mohan has found a humorous way to deal with unexpected marriage proposals from teenage fans. Instead of reacting with anger or quietly blocking them, the actress chose to reply playfully and share her responses on social media. She has been receiving several messages from young boys asking if they could marry her. Avantika, who is married, decided to turn the situation into a gentle lesson rather than a conflict.

In one message, a fan asked if there was any chance of marrying her. Avantika replied kindly, saying the fan had made her laugh and reminded him to enjoy his age and focus on life. She added that the right person would come at the right time.

Another message came from a teenage boy claiming many people wished to marry her. Avantika responded humorously, clearly stating that she is already married and jokingly told him to focus on homework, calling the idea an imagination only.

This is not the first time the actress has faced such requests. Earlier too, she advised a persistent teen fan to concentrate on studies and growing up.

Avantika Mohan is known for her roles in Yakshi Faithfully Yours and Neelakasham Pachakadal Chuvanna Bhoomi, and continues to win praise for her calm, honest, and witty handling of social media attention from fans online.

Fans have praised her maturity, humor, and clarity, saying her responses set a positive example for celebrities facing similar situations on digital platforms today everywhere now widely admired online.

Chatha Pacha Shows Friends Chasing Dreams

Director Advaith Nayar has shared details about his upcoming Malayalam film Chatha Pacha, an action entertainer that brings friendship and dreams to the centre. The film stars Arjun Ashokan, Roshan Mathew, Vishak Nair, Ishan Shoukath, and superstar Mammootty in key roles.

In an interview, Nayar said the movie is India's first film inspired by WWE style wrestling. He explained that while Indian films have shown boxing and martial arts before, Chatha Pacha explores the colourful world of pro wrestling, with big characters, homemade costumes, strong stories, and high energy matches loved by many since childhood.

At its heart, the film follows a group of friends who struggle together to succeed in life, holding on to dreams they grew up with. The story is set in Kochi, a hub for Gatta Gusthi, the local wrestling form. Nayar said WWE style wrestling is simply a more dramatic and theatrical version of this tradition.

The director said the idea came from his own childhood memories of watching wrestling with cousins and acting out moves at home. Later, he read about small wrestling groups where working people meet after jobs to live their dreams for a few hours each week.

Nayar said he saw the same fighting spirit among people in Fort Kochi and Mattanchery, calling them survivors and dreamers. The film features strong technical support and is set for worldwide release on January 22. Cinematography, music, editing, and action design add scale, speed, and emotion, promising a lively cinema experience for audiences of all ages everywhere across the country soon.

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